ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SECOND
ANNUAL CONCLAVE

1955

Kenneth H Earle

SIR KNIGHT KENNETH H. EARLE

(Past Grand Commander)

Sir Knight Kenneth H. Earle was born in Cranston, Rhode Island on April 30, 1903; the son of Harry A. Earle and Caroline A. Winter.

He was educated in the Public Schools and is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island.

He is President and Treasurer of Beacon Lamps Incorporated with offices in several cities.

Sir Knight Earle was *Raised* to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 4, Providence, Rhode Island, October 28, 1924.

Capitular Masonry

He was *Exalted* in Providence Royal Arch Chapter, Providence, Rhode Island, October 15, 1925.

Cryptic

He was *Greeted* in Providence Council No. 1, Royal and Select Masters, Providence, Rhode Island, December 11, [illegible].

Chivalric Masonry

He was *Knighted* in St. John's Commandery No. 1 K.T., Providence, Rhode Island, January 30, 1926 and [illegible] offices of that Commandery and was elected Commander of St. Johns Commandery No. 1 K.T., in 1943. He [illegible] from 1945 to 1954.

Grand Commandery

He was appointed an officer in the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island by R∴E∴Sir G. Lester Marston on October 25, 1944, and he was honored by being elected Grand Commander on October 30, 1954.

He is a Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of Wyoming near this Grand Commandery.

He holds Honorary Membership [illegible] in Massachusetts and Rhode Island [illegible] of the Grand Commandery K.T. [illegible].

Scottish Rite

He became a [illegible] of Perfection 14°, Providence, Rhode Island, June 22, 1926; Rhode Island Council Princes of Jerusalem 16°, September 22, 1926; Rhode Island Chapter of Rose Croix 18°, October 26, 1926 and Rhode Island Consistory S.P.R.S. 32°, Providence, Rhode Island, December 31, [illegible].

Shrine

He is a member of Palestine Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Providence, Rhode Island, and holds the office of Second Commander Rhodes.

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He holds Honorary Membership in several Commanderies in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and is an Honorary Member of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of Texas.

Scottish Rite

He became a member of Solomon Lodge of Perfection 14°, Providence, Rhode Island, June 23, 1926; Rhode Island Council Princes of Jerusalem 16°, September 22, 1926; Rhode Island Chapter of Rose Croix 18°, October 26, 1926 and Rhode Island Consistory S.P.R.S. 32°, Providence, Rhode Island, December 22, 1926.

Shrine

He is a member of Palestine Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Providence, Rhode Island, and holds the office of Second Ceremonial Master.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND

THE APPENDANT ORDERS

OF

MASSACHUSETTS *and* RHODE ISLAND
for the YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 29, 1955

KENNETH H. EARLE, *Grand Commander*
October 30, 1954 to October 29, 1955

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*

Boston, Massachusetts
1955

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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

AT THE

149TH SEMI-ANNUAL CONCLAVE

NEWBURYPORT, MASSACHUSETTS, MAY 14, 1955

A constitutional number of Commanderies being represented the 149th Semi-Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Order of Massachusetts and Rhode Island reconvened this fourteenth day of May, 1955 at the Masonic Temple, 31 Green Street, Newburyport, Massachusetts at 11:00 A.M. for the transaction of such business as may regularly come before it. Sir Knight Kenneth H. Earle, Right Eminent Grand Commander presided.

Sir Knights were led in their devotions by our Grand Prelate, Eminent Sir Frank B. Crandall.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS PRESENT

Sir. Kt. KENNETH H. EARLE . . . . . *R.E. Grand Commander*
Sir Kt. MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER . . . . *V.E. Deputy Grand Commander*
Sir Kt. THOMAS A. BOOTH. . . . . *E. Grand Generalissimo*
Sir Kt. DWIGHT C. PAGE . . . . . *E. Grand Captain General*
Sir Kt. ALFRED C. BLAKE . . . . . *E. Grand Senior Warden*
Sir Kt. ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY . . . . . *E. Grand Junior Warden*
Sir Kt. FRANK B. CRANDALL . . . . . *E. Grand Prelate*
Sir Kt. T. FREDERICK MARSHALL . . . . . *E. Associate Grand Prelate*
Sir Kt. A. KENNETH MARTIN . . . . . *R.E. Grand Treasurer*
Sir Kt. GEORGE A. WEEKS . . . . . *R.E. Grand Recorder*
Sir Kt. CLARENCE E. BOOTH. . . . . *E. Grand Standard Bearer*
Sir Kt. RAYMOND L. HALL . . . . . *E. Grand Sword Bearer*
Sir Kt. WILLIAM C. MCCORMICK . . . . . *E. Grand Warder*
Sir Kt. RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS . . . . . *E. Grand Captain of the Guard*
Sir Kt. CLARENCE R. DAVIS . . . . . *E. Grand Sentinel*
Sir Kt. WILLIAM F. WEST . . . . . *E. Grand Division Commander*
Sir Kt. LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN . . . . . *E. Grand Division Commander*
Sir Kt. CLYDE L. CARTER . . . . . *E. Inspector Instructor*

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

R∴E∴SIR JOHN E. RINES
R∴E∴SIR FRANK H. WILSON
R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS
R∴E∴SIR A. KENNETH MARTIN
R∴E∴ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
R∴E∴SIR FREDERIC KENNEDY
R∴E∴SIR HARRIE M. TAFT

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS PRESENT

Alabama	E∴Sir William Turner
Arizona	R∴E∴Sir Frederic Kennedy
Arkansas	V∴E∴Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder
Colorado	E∴Sir Robert E. Powell
Illinois	E∴Sir William C. McCormick
Iowa	E∴Sir Prescott W. Eaton
Kentucky	E∴Sir Harold L. Burr
Minnesota	E∴Sir Thomas A. Booth
Mississippi	E∴Sir Clyde L. Carter
Montana	E∴Sir Alfred C. Blake
Nevada	E∴Sir Alexander Campbell
New Hampshire	R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines
New Jersey	R∴E∴Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.
New York	R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson
North Carolina	E∴Sir James B. Henry
Ohio	R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks
Oklahoma	E∴Sir Everett B. Byles
Pennsylvania	E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin
South Dakota	E∴Sir Herbert Y. Follett
Virginia	E∴Sir Clarence R. Davis
West Virginia	R∴E∴Sir Harrie M. Taft
Wisconsin	E∴Sir Walter C. Furber
Wyoming	R∴E∴Kenneth H. Earle

Total number of Sir Knights present was 98 representing 30 Commanderies. Grand Representatives present 23.

SEMI-ANNUAL ADDRESS

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights, it is a great pleasure to welcome you to the One Hundred Forty-Ninth Semi-Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery. It is a new experience to me to be in this northeast corner of the jurisdiction but I am sure we will all enjoy it. We have been promised a good lunch at the Country Club following adjournment.

The work during the year has gone on wonderfully well. The high marks have been the high attendance and the three times we have exemplified the Red Cross and Malta Degrees in full form. First, Gardner, with Hugh de Payens No. 20 putting on the Red Cross and Worcester County No. 5 the Malta. On March 5, in spite of a snow storm, DeMolay No. 7 and Gethsemane No. 35 exemplified the Red Cross and Malta. Last Saturday Pilgrim No. 9 in connection with their one hundredth anniversary celebration, at which all available Grand Commandery officers were present, exemplified both Orders themselves. The Asylum was packed to capacity and 68 candidates were present, following which, there was a banquet.

The reasons for these exemplifications of the Orders are many and the results have been gratifying. First, every candidate present must have been much impressed with the beautiful work.

There should be more interested Templars. Commanderies, bringing their candidates, were relieved of putting on the Orders thereby freeing nights for social times. The casts worked before good crowds. Of course, it is always an inspiration to anyone. It was not only impressive to the new candidates but to the old members who had never seen the work in long form, or not for many years. I was quite surprised that men who had been in for twenty or thirty years came up and said how much they had enjoyed it. It also brings the Commanderies together and makes for unity. The cost was negligible and I sincerely hope the work continues.

The next big endeavor is the outdoor Church service in Leominster on June 12 and the Triennial in New York. The petitions have been slightly less than last year but I hope all will be Knighted before next month.

This is a brief report for the year to the present and the annual report will be made in Providence.

Courteously submitted,

Kenneth H. Earle,
Grand Commander

V∴E∴Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder: You have heard the report of the Grand Commander. What is your pleasure?

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks: I move you, sir, that this report be accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

R∴E∴Sir Harrie M. Taft: Second.

V∴E∴Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder: All in favor signify by extending the sword arm; opposed, the bridle arm. It is a vote and I so declare it.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

May 6, 1955

George A. Weeks, *Grand Recorder*
The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars
205 Masonic Temple
Boston 16, Massachusetts

Eminent and Dear Sir:

The following amendments to the By-Laws of Constituent Commanderies have been approved by the Grand Commandery Jurisprudence Committee during recess and are now subject to review by the Grand Commandery:

1. Proposed amendment to By-Laws of Gethsemane Commandery, No. 35, K.T., amending Article VIII, Sec. 1, Lines 10 to 13 and Lines 21 to 26, copy of which is hereto annexed.
2. Proposed amendment to By-Laws of Calvary Commandery, No. 13, K.T., amending Article II, Sec. 1, copy of which is hereto annexed.

All of the above amendments have been approved by your Committee.

Courteously submitted,

LOUIS L. GREEN,
Chairman — Jurisprudence Committee.

CALVARY COMMANDERY No. 13
Stationed at Providence, R. I.

April 19, 1955

Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of Calvary Commandery. Under Article II, Section 1. Substitute the words "Doric Masonic Temple, 1237 Reservoir Avenue, Cranston, R. I." for the words "Masonic Temple, Providence, R. I." so that Section 1 will then read —

CONCLAVES OF THE COMMANDERY

Section 1. The stated Conclaves of this Commandery shall be held in the Doric Masonic Temple, 1237 Reservoir Avenue, Cranston, R. I., on the third Tuesday of each month for the transaction of business and balloting, at 7 o'clock P.M. or such other hour as the Standing Committee may in writing designate to the Recorder provided notice thereof be mailed to the members at least four days prior to such Conclave.

The stated Conclaves of July and August may be omitted by vote of the Commandery.

Special Conclaves may be called by the Commander.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

GETHSEMANE COMMANDERY No. 35, K.T.
Newtonville, Massachusetts

CHANGE OF BY-LAWS

to change figures from $20,000.00 to $25,000.00 to read:

Article VIII, Section 1, lines 10 to 13: "No part of the principal

of this fund shall ever be appropriated until such time as the said principal has reached the market value of twenty-five Thousand (25,000.00) Dollars." and lines 21 to 26: "When this fund shall have reached the market value of Twenty-five Thousand sand (25,000.00) Dollars, the principal thereof shall not be appropriated but any excess may be appropriated, under the same conditions as are provided herein for the use of the earned income."

Adopted at the Stated Conclave of Gethsemane Commandery, No. 35, K.T., held on Tuesday, October 26, 1954.

ATTEST:

CHESTER A. CLEVELAND
Recorder

May 5, 1955

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Members of Grand Commandery:

Sir Knights:

No business has been referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Courteously,

HAROLD S. CROCKER,
Chairman

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND GOOD CHEER

May 14, 1955

To the Officers and Members of Grand Commandery K.T.

Sir Knights:

Your Committee reports its activities for 1954–1955 as follows:

Under date of November 1, 1954, Official Order No. 1 was sent out by your Grand Commander, Sir Knight Kenneth H. Earle, containing the usual appeal for the Christmas Collection Funds for the poor and needy.

Fifty Commanderies contributed a total of $8,757.85 which is a gain of $45.39 over the last year, but still far short of our quota of $1.00 for each Sir Knight in our Grand Jurisdiction.

Many Commanderies did not avail themselves of Official Order No. 1 which is a direct appeal from the Grand Commander to the Sir Knights of our Jurisdiction to contribute to this worthy cause.

"And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." St. Luke 6:31.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

1931	$5,768.24	1943	$4,715 01
1932	4,973.75	1944	5,732.60
1933	4,436.65	1945	6,033.19
1934	4,946.82	1946	6,699.20
1935	4,088.37	1947	6,820.59
1936	4,915.34	1948	7,253.27
1937	4,798.91	1949	7,669.24
1938	4,608.07	1950	7,912.75
1939	4,386.23	1951	8,431.52
1940	4,610.99	1952	9,097.80
1941	4,588.35	1953	8,712.47
1942	4,217.04	1954	8,757.85
			$144,174.25

Courteously submitted,

COMMITTEE

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks, *Chairman*
E∴Sir Donald W. Kenneth
E∴Sir Herbert Y. Follett
E∴Sir Colin Sharp
E∴Sir John W. Tiplady

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

Boston, Mass., May 14, 1955

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of Grand Commandery K. T., of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation Committee, Division of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island submit this, their Annual Report:

The year ending December 31, 1954 was a most successful one as regards to loans and collections. Many old accounts, in the hands of our attorneys and the Grand Encampment Committee, have been either settled in full or by compromise so that today our unpaid old accounts are the lowest in the history of this Foundation.

Statistical reports are not generally very entertaining, but we feel that because each of you, individually, have a personal interest in the affairs of this Foundation, whether given to you in detail by your Committee, or in the Auditor's Report (which is to follow and will be printed in full in the Proceedings of this Semi-Annual Conclave).

Your Committee approved 124 loans from January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954 consisting of loans made to 95 young men amounting to $30,860.00 and 29 young women amounting to $10,640.00 or total loans amounting to $41,500.00. So far this year (1955) we have granted 40 loans.

Loans are granted to students for the junior and senior years in college. There is no restriction as to Race, Color or Creed. All loans are evidenced by a negotiable note and agreement, and full endorsement of the note, by a responsible person, is required. These loans are made for the purpose of helping the individual to become an honest, God-fearing, loyal citizen of this country of ours. They are made to understand that an obligation entered into shall not be treated lightly, but the recipients shall become real men and women; and that, the future of our country, under their leadership, shall become what it was intended to be, because of their helpful attitude and high character.

A $5,000.00 U. S. Series G. Bond held in the Reserve Account, became due in April, 1955, and we recommend that the Treasurer be authorized to cash this Bond and deposit it to the account of Knights Templar Educational Foundation Division of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

We realize and feel that all of you are quite busy, when you get letters from us asking you to go around and contact some student who has applied for assistance from this Foundation, but your Report will make it possible for him or her to receive a college education in this great Nation of ours. We must realize that a good education is needed more today than anytime during the past. All of you, no doubt are aware that your Trustees do not personally know each applicant, and must make their decision to approve or reject a request upon the recommendation given by School Officials, Individuals, Credit Reports, and Sir Knights who fill out the Commandery Report.

To further acquaint you with the view of several loanees, and the comments from schools, the following excerpts should be included in our report:

New Bedford, Mass.
November 30, 1954

Gentlemen:

Enclosed you will find the last payment of this year and the balance of my debt to you. Please let me know if everything is in order?

I wish to express my sincerest thanks and deepest gratitude, for your kindness in granting me this loan with such favorable terms, making it possible for my graduation from College. May God Bless You!

Sincerely,

Peter Gargas

PAUL SMITH'S COLLEGE

Paul Smith's, New York
September 5, 1953

Dear Mr. Weeks:

Thank you for sending the check for Clifton G. Davis. We will be pleased to comply with your instructions.

I belong to St. Lawrence Commandery No. 28 K.T. I will encourage this young man to take the proper attitude concerning his opportunities and obligations. You might be interested to know that Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden of the Saranac Lake Lodge are all members of my staff. Also, several other members of our faculty are active in the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery.

CHESTER L. BUXTON, *President*

(from a Catholic boy)

E. Weymouth, Mass.
February 5, 1953

Gentlemen:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and the Knights Templars for granting to me this loan. Your foundation is truly a tribute to America, and as long as we in America have foundations such as this, it will remain the wonderful country that it is. I want to say that I have a feeling of pride in joining the ranks of those thousands that your foundation has helped. Thank you once again, and I assure you that my obligation shall be met as soon as possible.

(signed) NEIL L. RUSSO

(from Radcliffe College)

Gentlemen:

Radcliffe College desires to express its gratitude to the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the generous gift of six hundred dollars for grant-in-aid for a certain student.

(signed) MRS. BERNICE BROWN CRONKNITE
Vice President

These testimonials are representative of many that are received in our office, complimenting the Foundation upon its work in assisting deserving students thereby enabling them to become better citizens of our Republic.

Courteously yours,

GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Secretary

COMMITTEE:

CLARENCE R. DAVIS, *Chairman*
HAROLD W. SPRAGUE
RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS
S. KENNETH SKOLFIELD
ROBERT E. POWELL

EXHIBIT A

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1954

ASSETS

Cash in Bank and On Hand		$ 3,524.79
Cash—In Massachusetts Savings Banks		
Salem Savings Bank #65125	$ 2,000.00	
South Boston Savings Bank #190286	3,000.00	
Weymouth Savings Bank #45345	5,078.53	10,078.53
U. S. Savings Bonds (At Cost)		60,000.00
Notes Receivable:		
Student Loans—Current	$154,892.38	
Uncollectible	1,364.78	
Doubtful	6,911.57	163,168.73
Office Equipment		85.41
Inventory—Stationery		12.24
Total		$236,869.70

LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL

Withholding Tax Payable	$ 157.30	
Social Security Tax Payable	47.92	
Accrued Expense	428.75	
Due Grand Encampment Comm. on Educational Foundation	354.64	$ 988.61
Reserve for Unpaid Interest		1,020.26
Principal Account (Exhibit "C")		234,860.83
Total		$236,869.70

NOTE: The Reserve of $10,814.00 held in the Grand Commandery General Fund is not included above. It consists of $5,000.00 U. S. Savings Bond and $5,814.00 in the Boston Penny Savings Bank.

EXHIBIT B

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT

For Year Ended December 31, 1954

INCOME

Service Charges Received	$ 5,012.48	
Interest on Savings Bank Accounts	309.84	
Interest on Government Bonds	1,500.00	
Interest on Reserve Fund	270.36	
Total Income		$ 7,092.68

EXPENSE

Salaries	$ 3,983.50	
Rent	675.00	
Auditing Expense	260.00	
Trustees' Expense	42.00	
Telephone and Office Supplies	167.10	
General Expense	109.60	
Retail Credit Reports	227.70	
Depreciation	19.72	
Bonding and Insurance	204.24	
Postage	14.87	
Collection Fees	193.50	
Grand Encampment Expense	354.64	
Social Security Tax	82.87	
Printing and Stationery	41.06	
Interest	45.00	
Total Expense		6,391.06
Excess of Expense for Year (Exhibit "C")		$ 701.62

EXHIBIT C

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT
For Year Ended December 31, 1954

January 1, 1954 Balance		$235,623.49
Deduct:		
Accounts written off by Authorization of Grand Encampment and by compromise settlement	$ 1,464.28	
Excess of Expense for Year Ended December 31, 1954 (Exhibit "B")	701.62	762.66
December 31, 1954 Balance		$234,860.83

EXHIBIT D

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
SUMMARY OF STUDENTS' LOANS
For Year Ended December 31, 1954

January 1, 1953 Balance			$159.194.87
Add:			
Loans made during year 124 — 95M. 29F...		$ 41,500.00	
Service Charges for 1954	$ 5,034.00		
(Less—Allowances)	440.23	4,593.77	46,093.77
			$205,288.64

Deduct:		
Cash Received	$ 40,668.51	
Allowances—Principal	1,451.40	42,119.91
December 31, 1954 Balance		$163,168.73
Consisting of		
Balances of Loans (Principal)		$162,148.47
Unpaid Service Charges		1,020.26
		$163,168.73

February 4, 1955

Educational Committee, Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with instructions, the books and records of the Educational Foundation, Division of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, have been audited for the year ended December 31, 1954, and I submit in the appended exhibits the result of operations during the past year and the condition of the Fund as at December 31, 1954.

The exhibits are as follows:

Exhibit "A" — Balance Sheet as of December 31, 1954

Exhibit "B" — Income and Expense Statement for Year Ended December 31, 1954

Exhibit "C" — Principal Account for Year Ended December 31, 1954

Exhibit "D" — Summary of Student Loans for Year Ended December 31, 1954

The following comments are made relative to the work done.

CASH

The cash in the checking account and in the various savings bank accounts has been confirmed by certificate from the depositaries. The various savings bank books in the safe deposit box were also examined and checked with the confirmations. Deposits, warrants, and cancelled checks were verified.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

All bonds were examined and verified at the safe deposit vault in the presence of the Grand Treasurer and Executive Secretary. There were no purchases nor sales in 1954.

All interest due on these bonds and savings bank accounts has been received. In addition, interest in the amount of $125 was received on another $5,000 Government bond which has been held in reserve by Grand Commandery. Interest on the reserve savings account at the Boston Penny Savings Bank, which is also held by Grand Commandery, amounted to $145.36. Both of these items are paid to the Educational Foundation although the principal amounts to not appear in their records.

PRINCIPAL

The various items written off as a result of compromise settlements with borrowers, as well as by authority of Grand Encampment, resulted in a total reduction of the Principal account in the amount of $1,464.28.

GENERAL

The 1955 payment books were sent out by us for verification purposes with the usual request that in the event any discrepancies were noted the students should communicate directly with us. Many of the students wrote that accounts were correct and enclosed payments for the new year.

Depreciation on office equipment has been provided for the past year. Accruals have been made to cover rental and accounting expense at the end of the year. Balances are also shown to cover liability for withholding and social security taxes.

Subject to the foregoing comments, I certify that the appended exhibits, in my opinion, fairly present the condition of the Educational Foundation Division as of December 31, 1954, and the result of operations for the year ended that date.

HURLBUT L. PLUMMER,

Certified Public Accountant

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Financial Statement

January 1 to December 31, 1954

To be filed before February 1, 1955

DIVISION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

Required Capital (9 x 1932 membership @ $1.00 each)	$218,889.00	Accrued Earned Income to December 31, 1953	
Total Assessments collected	$232,950.13	$ 2,330.65	
OPERATIONS			
1. Cash on Hand or in Bank (line 14 of December 31, 1953, statement)			$ 8,534.37
Receipts			
2. Principal Repayment on Student Loans:			
(a) On Current Loans	$ 35,441.15		
(b) On Loans assigned to Trustees	215.00	35,656.15	
3. Interest received on Student Loans	5,012.48		
4. Income on Securities and Savings Accounts:			
(a) Received	2,080.20		
(b) Deferred		7,092.68	
5. Other Income:			
(a) Sale of Securities		.....	
(b) Assessments		.....	
(c) Recoveries of Charge-offs		.....	
(d) Transferred from Savings Accounts		.....	
(e) Miscellaneous (specify)		.....	
6. Total Receipts			42,748.83
7. Total Cash available (line 1 plus line 6)			$ 51,283.20
Disbursements			
8. Loans to Students (a) (Male, 93) (Amount $30,860.00)		$ 30.860.00	
(b) (Female, 29) (Amount $10.640.00)		10.640.00	
9. Scholarships (as authorized by G. E. Committee)		.....	
10. Transferred to Knights Templar Scholarship Account		.....	
11. Operating Costs (line 52)		5,903.05	
12. Other Disbursements:			
(a) Securities purchased		.....	
(b) Deferred Interest on Investments (line 4 (b)		.....	
(c) Transferred to and Interest left in Savings Accounts		.....	
(d) 5% Paid G. E. Committee 1953 Report		$ 355.36	
(e) Miscellaneous (specify)		.....	
13. Total Disbursements			$ 47,758,41
Current Assets			
14. Cash on Hand or in Bank, December 31, 1954 (line 7 minus 13)		$ 3,524.79	
15. Funds Invested: Securities, Savings Accounts, Accrued Interest		70,078.53	
16. Student Loans Outstanding (Principal only—deducting Loans assigned to Trustees—see line 21).		161,173.47	
17. Funds in Knights Templar Scholarship Account		.....	
18. Due from Grand Commandery or Assessments		.....	
19. Other Assets:			
(a) Furniture and Fixtures		85.41	
(b) Miscellaneous (specify) Inventory — Stationery		12.24	
20. Total Current Assets			$234,874:44

DEFERRED ASSETS

21. Balance due on Uncollectible Loans assigned to Trustees (Principal only)		$ 975.00
22. Total Resources (line 20 plus line 21)		$235,849.44

LIABILITIES

23. Due the Committee on the Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment for EXPENSE: 5% of lines 3 and 4. REMIT AMOUNT SHOWN WITH THIS STATEMENT to the Committee	$ 354.64	
24. Other Liabilities (see page 5)	.....	
25. Total Liabilities (line 23 plus line 24)		354.64

NET WORTH

26. Net Worth (line 22 minus line 25)		235,494.80

NOTE: Administration expenses are payable from the earnings of the current year. The 5% conserved (line 55) and any unexpended income (line 57) are the principal sources of gain (line 83). Gain is important to offset inevitable losses. Please watch expenses closely but be generous with costs of helpful advice and counsel for recovery of doubtful loans.

OPERATING COSTS

51. Maximum available for Administration Expense 1953 (90% of lines 3 and 4, page 1, see Section 17B. Regulations and Standard Practice September 20, 1952)		$ 6,383.41
52. Expenses of Administration (as per detail, Page 5)		5,903.05
53. Balance		$ 480.36

CAPITAL GAIN OR LOSS

ADDITIONS

	Assessments	Donations	Earned Income
54. Net Worth, December 31, 1953 (total equals line 26 of 1952 statement)	$232,950.13	$ 903.97	$ 2,330.65
55. Conserved Earnings 1954 (5% of lines 3 and 4)	.....	.....	354.63
56. Remaining 5% Earnings, 1954, Expense of G. E. Committee			$ 354.64
57. Unexpended Income (line 53 if black)	.....	.....	480.36
58. Recovery of Loans charged-off	.....	.....	.....
59. Adjustments to increase Student Loan Account (Principal only)	.....	.....	30.75
60. Profit on sales of Securities	.....	.....	.....
61. Additional Assessments	.....	.....	.....
62. Donations	.....	.....	.....
63. Miscellaneous (specify)	.....	.....	.....
64. Gross Capital	$232,950.13	$ 903.97	$ 3,551.03

DEDUCTIONS

65. Uncollectible Loans charged-off (Principal only) approved by G. E. Committee. Names: Ayers $250.00; Calder 197.55; Duranleau 250.00; Gould 355.00; Munro 388.90			$ 1,441.45
(Note: Attach additional sheet if more space needed.)			
66. Loss by Compromise Adjustment	.....	.....	.....
67. Loss on Sale of Securities	.....	.....	.....
68. Depreciation on Furniture & Fixtures	.....	.....	19.72
69. Excess Operating Cost (line 53 if red)	.....	.....	.....
Douglas S. Batchelor Charge-off (approved by G. E. but not turned over to G. E.)	.....	.....	53.46
70. Adjustments to decrease Student Loan Account (Principal only)	.....	.....	.....
71. Scholarships and/or Fellowships (deductible only from items 3 and 4, less item 52. See Intangible Asset, page 6)	.....	.....	.....
72. Scholarships from Scholarship Accounts (list on page 6)	.....	.....	.....
73. The Committee on Educational Foundation 5% Earnings 1954	.....	.....	$ 354.64
74. Miscellaneous (specify) Diff. of Inventory	.....	.....	41.06
75. .....Total Deductions	.....	.....	$ 1,910.33
76. Capital Account, December 31, 1954 (line 64 minus line 75)	$232,950.13	$ 903.97	$ 1,640.70
77. Capital Account, December, 1953 (line 54)	232,950.13	903.97	2,330.65
78. Increase or Decrease, Jan. 1–Dec. 31, 1954 (line 76 minus line 77)	$ 0	0	$ *689.95*

ANALYSIS OF CAPITAL GAIN

79. Earnings for 1954 (lines 3 and 4, page 1)	.....	.....	$ 7,092.68
80. Other Income (lines 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63)	.....	.....	30.75
Total	.....	.....	$ 7,123.43
81. Operating Costs (line 52)	.....	.....	$ 5,903.05
82. Other Expenses (lines 65, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74)	.....	.....	1,910.33
Total	.....	.....	$ 7,813.38
83. Net Increase or Decrease (same as line 78)	$ 0	$ 0	$ *689.95*

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE

Salaries: (Give Gross Totals, including Withholding for Income Taxes)	
Executive Officer	$1,828.50
Treasurer	300.00
Stenographer or Clerical	1,855.00
Attorney or Collection Fees	193.62
Rent	675.00
Safe Deposit Box	9.90
Fidelity Bonds	204.24
Social Security (Employer only)	66.56
Audit	260.00
Committee Meetings	42.00
Traveling Expense Contacting Loanees	.....
Postage and Express	*14.87*
Telephone and Telegraph	$167.10
Stationery, Supplies, Etc.	.....
Furniture, Equipment and Repairs	.....
Premiums on Investment	.....
Miscellaneous (Itemize)	79.70
(Do not include item of 5% paid to Grand Encampment Committee, shown on 1953 Report, Page 1, Line 23)	
Retail Credit Reports	227.70
Interest Expense	45.00
W. H. Tax	*36.40*
TOTAL EXPENSE	$5903.05
(Same as line 52, page 2)	

INVESTED FUNDS

Savings Accounts: Bank	Location	Interest Rate	Amount
Salem Savings Bank	Salem, Mass.	3%	$2,000.00
South Boston Savings Bank	Boston, Mass.	3%	3,000.00
Weymouth Savings Bank	Weymouth, Mass.	3%	5,078.53
		Total	$10,078.53

Stocks & Bonds: Name	Serial Number	Interest Rate	Par Value	Book Value
U. S. Savings Bonds	X680443G	2½		$10,000.00
	V674014G			5,000.00
	V575436G			5,000.00
	V613512G			5,000.00
	V613513G			5,000.00
	V634853G			5,000.00
	V634854G			5,000.00
	V740902G			5,000.00
	V785308G			5,000.00
	V785309G			5,000.00
	V785310G			5,000.00
			Total	$60,000.00
			Grand Total	$70,078.53
			(Same as Line 15)	

FIDELITY BONDS

(As Provided by Section 10 of the Regulations & Standard Practice)

Officer Bonded	Amount of Bond	Amount of Premium	Paid by Grand Commandery or Foundation	Expiration Date
Exec. Secretary	$ 2,500.00	190.34	Foundation	11/6/55
Asst. to Exec. Sec.	2,500.00			
Treasurer	12,500.00			

3 year bond paid on annual basis

AUDIT

Is your Annual Audit made by (a) Certified Public Accountants? Yes or (b) by the Finance Committee of the Grand Commandery?.....

NOT AN ASSET

Accrued Interest on Student Loans—disclosed only as an urge to recover and not to be included in Current or Deferred Assets.....		$1,020.26

LIABILITIES

Student Loans Payable (amount of installments due on Student Loans for which you hold notes included in line 16, page 1).....	.....	
Loans and Accounts Payable — Rent and Audit.....	$ 428.75	
Withholding Tax.....	157.30	
Trust Funds administered by Committee and included in Assets.....	.....	
Other Liabilities — Social Security Tax.....	47.92	
Total Liabilities (item 25, page 1).....		$ 633.97

Note: The Constitution of the Grand Encampment having been amended to provide for Scholarship or Fellowship Grants, line 9 is provided for such a disbursement. These grants are non-recoverable—actually gifts—hence are no longer financial assets. They are intangible moral assets and in all future compilations a Division is given full credit for this service.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND/OR FELLOWSHIPS—AN INTANGIBLE ASSET

State whether by Scholarship Grant, or from funds Transferred to K. T. Scholarship Accounts

Date Granted	Amount	Name and Address of Grantee	Name ond Location of College

NONE

Objectives of Division and Grantees. (In event of more than one Scholarship or Fellowship please outline objectives of each separately):.....
.....

(Note: Attach additional sheet if more space needed)

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct Financial Statement of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation Division of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as of December 31, 1954.

Signed CLARENCE R. DAVIS,
Chairman

Signed A. KENNETH MARTIN,
Treasurer

Attest: GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*

Special attention is called to the following sections of the Regulations which please observe, to-wit:

Section 13C(9): Prepare and file on or before February 1st of each year with the Secretary of the Committee on The Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment, on such form as provided, three (3) copies of a detailed report of the previous year's operations. He shall also present a duplicate of such report to the Grand Commandery at its first stated conclave thereafter.

Section 17: A. For the purpose of assisting in the operating expense of the Committee on The Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment, 5% of the interest collected on loans and of the interest collected and/or accrued on securities and deposits during the current year shall be remitted annually by each Division with the filing of the financial statement required to be filed with Secretary of the Committee on The Educational Foundation on or before February 1st of each year.

B. The authorized administration expense of Division Committees for any one year shall not exceed 90% of the interest collected on loans and of the interest collected and/or accrued on securities and deposits during the current year.

C. The Division Secretary shall pay the authorized expenses of the Division only after a budget has been approved by the Committee on The Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment, acting either collectively or through its Chairman. This budget shall contain only such items as are necessary to the operation of the Educational Fund. It shall be prepared and submitted by the Finance Committee of the Grand Commandery each year, at its stated conclave, for the following calendar year. If approved and recommended by the Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall cause a copy of the budget to be transmitted immediately to the Chairman of the Committee on The Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment for final approval.

V∴E∴ Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder: Right Eminent Sir, I move the Report of the Educational Foundation be accepted and recommendations adopted. Motion seconded.

R∴E∴ Sir George A. Weeks: Right Eminent Sir, there were recommendations.

V∴Em. Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder: I include those.

R∴E∴ Sir George A. Weeks: (reads the following recommendation) "A five thousand dollar United States Series "G" Bond held in the RESERVE ACCOUNT, became due in April 1955, and we recommend that the Treasurer be authorized to cash this Bond and deposit it to the account of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation Division of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island." The Treasurer has no authority to do anything without the vote of the Grand Commandery.

The Grand Commander: Before we vote on this motion, you have heard the recommendation. There is also another fund of a little over $5,000, which some of you may have picked up in the proceedings, that is held by Grand Commandery but belongs to the Educational Foundation. I don't see the reason for complicating the books. I don't see why all this money isn't transferred to the Educational Foundation and get it over. We have lugged it for twenty or thirty years. I would be happy to see the recommendation that it all be transferred and clear up a cloudy picture. Any reason why it can't be?

R.·.E.·.Sir George A. Weeks: The records show there was more money collected than the Grand Encampment wanted at that time. The $10,418 reported by Grand Commandery was set up in reserve that when the fund got to the point, that it could be transferred by vote of Grand Commandery. It is perfectly all right to vote to transfer back to the lawful place, the Educational Foundation.

In 1922 every Sir Knight was assessed $1 to build up the fund. Through some error our Grand Commandery made an assessment for ten years. They didn't want to turn over the extra money at that time so it was voted to hold it in reserve.

The Grand Commander: Why I was interested in having the money transferred, principally, was because you heard the report where $60,000 in Governments is tied up, and you also heard that forty loans were approved so far this year. There is a question of how much cash is available to meet some of the loans. I would recommend that we change this recommendation from the $5,000 to the $10,814. Is that the figure? It would clarify the picture once and for all.

R.·.E.·.Sir George A. Weeks: It is $10,814.

R.·.E.·.Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.: What is the recommendation?

The Grand Commander: That the $10,814 that has been held by Grand Commandery for some fifteen or twenty years, be put in the fund where it belongs, into the Educational Foundation.

R.·.E.·.Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.: That is just my point, R.·.E.·. Sir. It should appear that this money, over $10,000, be donated by this Grand Commandery to the Educational Foundation. It doesn't belong to the Educational Foundation. It was erroneously collected.

R.·.E.·.Sir John E. Rines: R.·.E.·. Grand Commander, that money you speak of was assessed to every member for the Educational Foundation. My opinion is that it is earmarked and can not be a donation. It has been so reported to Grand Encampment.

The Grand Commander: Is it your idea that it belongs to the Educational Foundation?

R.·.E.·.Sir John E. Rines: That is right and they so consider it.

R.·.E.·.Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.: Everybody is entitled to their opinion. I shall vote "no."

The Grand Commander: Any other discussion? All those in favor of accepting this report with the amended recommendation extend the sword arm; opposed, the bridle arm. (R.·.E.·. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., voted "no.") I declare it a vote.

May 14, 1955

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Deputy Grand Commander and Members of the Finance Committee K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

Complying with Article VIII, Section 5 of the Constitution of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island adopted October 15, 1947, your Grand Commander presents the following request to the Deputy Grand Commander and Members of the Finance Committee:

Whereas on October 30, 1954, the Finance Committee submitted in the Budget for the year ending August 31, 1955 an item of $1,200.00 for the Printing of the 1954 Proceedings of this Grand Commandery, but due to the questioning of a particular Budget Item (Printing of our Annual Proceedings) at the Annual Conclave held on October 30, 1954, it has become necessary to request a supplementary appropriation of $145.00 to cover the following additional costs:

Additional 14 Pages New Material .. $8.00 per page	$112.00
Additional 6 Pages Set — but not used owing to necessary changes in the set-up .. $8.00 per page	48.00
	$160.00
Less Credit — balance due on estimated cost	15.00
	$145.00

Under Grand Commandery Regulations: "that in cases of emergencies or necessity, warrants approved in writing by the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, and a majority of the Finance Committee, may issue on the General Fund to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate in any one year, ten percentum (10%) of the total of that Fiscal Year's Budget."

As this year's Budget is $16,129.00, I respectfully request a supplementary appropriation of $145.00 to cover the additional cost of printing the 1954 Proceedings of this Grand Commandery.

Courteously yours,

KENNETH H. EARLE,
Grand Commander

APPROVED:

MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER, *Deputy Grand Commander*
LEON L. ALLEN, *Chairman Finance Committee*
ARTHUR DORWARD
HOWARD GRAY

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Do you keep the notes of the Educational Foundation in the office safe?

R∴E∴ SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: Yes, and all the notes are photostated and in the custody of Rt∴Em∴Harold W. Sprague in a safe deposit box in Brockton, everyone of them.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I would strongly recommend that we purchase a new safe and put it in Grand Commandery Office to protect the Educational Foundation Notes and records.

R∴E∴ SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: What have we got, about 160 accounts?

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Two Hundred.

R∴E∴ SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: How often do they pay?

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Once a month.

R∴E∴ SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I am no expert on safes as I never have enough to put in one. My reputable information is that there isn't any safe made but what in a fire it would land in the basement with charred remains in it. I think we would be properly protected when a payment is made if a receipt were made in triplicate, one for the customer, one for Weeks, and one for Sprague, or whoever has the third account. Then, in case of a fire or pestilence, you would have a record and we should have it in duplicate in two places anyway. Then, if there is a fire, we have duplicates made of the receipts and payments. We should be doing that anyway with or without an iron safe.

R∴E∴SIR JOHN E. RINES: Move that the report of the Finance Committee be accepted, spread upon the records and the recommendations adopted, and the recommendation of Judge Wilson be carried out from now on.

R∴E∴ SIR HARRIE M. TAFT: Second the motion.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: The motion is made and seconded that the report of the Finance Committee officially be approved and the recommendation of Judge Wilson that the Educational payments, in some manner, be recorded in triplicate and one of the three copies be forwarded to whoever is in charge of the notes for filing.

Is there any discussion? All in favor will signify by raising the sword arm; opposed. It is a vote and so ordered.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEW MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLICITY

R∴E∴Grand Commander and Sir Knights:

At the halfway mark of the present fiscal year we have a net gain in membership of 77. Official Letter No. 3 dated March 24, 1955 requested each Commandery to send in their figures of net gains, or net losses, as of February 28, 1955.

40 Commanderies reported; 10 Commanderies have not yet reported.

21 Commanderies had total net gains of	+151
13 Commanderies had total net losses of	— 74
6 Commanderies remained status quo	0
Net	+ 77

With two months more to go in our current petition year our petitions thus far total 610; compared with 625 at the same time last year; and 611 two years ago.

We need 200 petitions in May and June to exceed last years record of an even 800.

Courteously submitted,

FRANK H. WILSON, *Chairman*
For the Committee

R∴E∴SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I move the report be accepted, spread on the records.

V∴E∴SIR MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER: Second.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: You all heard the motion. All in favor signify by raising the sword arm; opposed. It is a vote.

Next is new business.

May I urge you all to put your best efforts into this Church service at Leominster and particularly the one-day trip to New York for the Triennial. This is one opportunity, probably the last for years, to make a showing in the parade at the Triennial. I am still hoping to take 1,500 men to New York.

To clarify one thing on the five-day train trip; it is not a special train. I believe we may have special cars going down set aside for us to be together. Returning, any who want to go on the West Point boat ride Thursday, you can come back on any train you want through Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. The ticket is round trip good on any train. So, if anybody wants to stay for the boat ride they can. I understand that the boat doesn't get back to New York until nine or nine-thirty.

I wonder if it is possible — and I am only suggesting this to put Massachusetts and Rhode Island into the contest if we want — to get one drill team out of the fifty Commanderies? Texas is sending six teams up at a cost of about $60,000. It seems as if we ought to get one team. It takes 31 men in the Class "A" team and 21 men in the Class "B" team. You have got plenty of time and I hope we can get one team. There are twenty teams going to be in the contest so far and Texas has six of them. I don't care particularly how many Texas sends but I do think Massachusetts and Rhode Island ought to have one drill team. I hope one of the Commanderies will give it serious consideration and we can come up with one team to take to New York. If anyone wants information I will be happy to give them what I have and then you can get your regulations from New York.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Eminent Grand Warder, will you ask the Committee of the Day to report, please?

R∴E∴SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: R∴E∴ Grand Commander, while he is doing that, and just to fill in, we don't have another meeting before the New York Triennial and you are planning to participate in a parade, and you are hoping you will have around 1,500 from Massachusetts. I trust there will be that number from all New England.

Have you any definite arrangements for music for marching? If not, should there be passed a vote for a reasonable appropriation? Are we going to saunter up the street or march? If we are going to march there must be arrangements made for music. They tell me that even musicians, some of them, work for a living. I am not a member of any orchestra or band but my suggestion would be, if you are to participate in a parade on Fifth Avenue, that you should have some cash available for music if you desire it.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Are you making a motion, or will you make a motion?

R∴E∴ SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: Well, I am nonplused because I don't want to be like the Massachusetts Legislature who recently voted $6,000,000 and there is no place where the money is coming from.

R∴E∴ SIR JOHN E. RINES: I don't like to speak all the time but I might help, Judge Wilson. You want to take a band over there?

R∴E∴SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: I understand we plan to participate in the parade. If you are going to participate and look like anything we must have some music, even if it is only the traditional fife and drum and whatever the other fellow carries. It may involve carfare for musicians from this State or hiring in New York. I am wondering how we can do that. Personally, when I march I like to have music. If I walk, I saunter.

R∴E∴ SIR JOHN E. RINES: I don't think that Judge Wilson, because of his many duties, knows the situation. I know he was held up because of his duties. The parades are in divisions and Massachusetts and Rhode Island are number one. Of course, the Grand Master has his escort division but Massachusetts and Rhode Island become number one of the first division and they go on down in divisions. Each division is furnished a band by the expenses of the Triennial Conclave Committee and it is not necessary to take a band.

R∴E∴SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: That is fine. I was wholly in the dark. I am glad to hear that, because, I will look forward to attending my first Triennial and hear music, I trust, from where I sit; I may be on a curb.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: One band will not suffice for 1,500 men.

R∴E∴SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: R∴E∴Sir, I am all for Johnny as he has been to a lot of Triennials but if we need some music of our own today is your chance to get it. If we don't need music of our own I am just wasting your time and holding you back. My only thought is that today — unless you personally take care of it which I understand you are well able to do — now is the day to decide how much funds are needed and, if so, how to get it. Just to bring it to a head I move that the Grand Commander be authorized, if in his judgment, it seems necessary or advisable to spend a sum not in excess of $1,000 for music for the New York parade. (Motion seconded.)

R∴E∴SIR JOHN E. RINES: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I rise to a point of order on that. I don't believe that that money can be put in authorization for you to spend unless first recommended by the Finance Committee.

R∴E∴SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.: I assume then that you can refer this to the Finance Committee and recess for five minutes until they make a report. I would hope that in one of the two meetings that the Grand Commandery holds in the year that we would have a majority of the Finance Committee present or we ought to have a new Finance Committee.

E∴SIR LEON L. ALLEN: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I report as chairman of that committee. If the Recorder will read that section which requires the request, or approbation, of the Finance Committee for Grand Commandery to spend any of its funds I would like to hear it before I speak further.

R∴E∴ SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: (Reading)

Article XI, Section 2. The income of said Grand Fund may be expended for charitable or other purposes as may be determined by the Grand Commandery. All unexpended income of this fund, and all donations to the same, shall be annually added to the principal.

R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines: Read the duties of the Finance Committee.

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks: (Reading)

Article IX, Section 3. The Committee on Finance shall consist of three members, appointed after the adoption of this Amendment as follows: One to serve until the next Annual Conclave, one to serve until the Second following Annual Conclave, and the third to serve until the Third following Annual Conclave, and thereafter, at each Annual Conclave, one member to be appointed for a term of three years, whose duty it shall be to examine and certify to the correctness of the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and of the Grand Recorder, and of the Educational Foundation Committee, also the securities held by the Trustees of the Grand Fund and all other moneys, and securities of the Grand Commandery. This Committee shall also make such recommendations regarding the finances as may be advisable together with a budget of appropriations.

That is the amendment adopted May 20, 1948. Now the next reference is as follows. (Reading)

No warrant shall be issued unless the Grand Commandery shall have made by vote an appropriation to cover it, save that in cases of emergency or necessity, warrants approved in writing by the Grand Commander, the Deputy Grand Commander, and a majority of the members of the Finance Committee, may issue on the General Fund to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate in any one year ten percentum (10%) of the total of that fiscal year's budget.

Does that cover it?

E∴Sir Leon L. Allen: R∴E∴Grand Commander, according to my interpretation — I may be in error — the Finance Committee has charge of preparing the budget which is presented to and acted upon by the Grand Commandery. I still didn't hear anything that calls for the approval of the Finance Committee before Grand Commandery voted to spend any money for charity or other purposes.

R∴E∴Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.: R∴E∴Grand Commander, further along that line, from the reading as I heard it the Grand Commandery can vote on any action except in an emergency when the prior approval is necessary; that is only in cases of emergency. To me, as presented, if the Recorder correctly read it, the Grand Commandery can vote its own money without any stop order of any committee except in emergencies between sessions.

The Grand Commander: You have all heard the motion.

Voices: What is the motion.?

R∴E∴Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.: I will repeat the motion. I move that the Grand Commander be authorized to spend a sum not in excess of $1,000 for the purpose, if he considers it desirable or necessary, of providing music for the New York parade and such money, if requested by him, be appropriated.

The Grand Commander: You have heard the motion. All in favor raise the sword arm. Opposed. It is a vote and so ordered.

R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I would like your permission to speak for about five minutes on a subject that I think will be of interest. It could not be presented at the October meeting because the plans were such that they could not be announced.

Every member of Grand Encampment has received a brochure from retired Major General Walter A. DeLamater, who is our Deputy Grand Master, outlining a project which he proposes to present at the Triennial Conclave in New York.

Now, this project to be presented is something new. There is nothing like it today on a strictly charitable basis. Of course, the Shrine started the hospitals for crippled children but organizations everywhere have taken it up and adopted it. Still, the Shrine leads and is spoken of as the originator of the idea. Now the idea Walter DeLamater plans to present is a hospital for the restoration of eyesight. God knows that I am one who knows what that means. It will begin by establishing one hospital.

Now we have gone into the matter very fully. Some of the greatest eye surgeons in the United States are behind this thing and are willing to assist although not be on, we will say, full time. They think it is the most wonderful thing that a hospital be established and perhaps grow into one or more, as time goes on, for the preservation of eyesight for any person, including middle aged or old, regardless of race, color or creed, under the sponsorship of the Knights Templars.

It would be a nice thing if the Past Grand Commanders and Council Officers of this Grand Commandery, who are the voting members, had some expression of this Grand Commandery in voting for this project.

The Grand Commander: Is anybody interested in expressing their feelings? Those in favor of an eye hospital raise your hands; those in favor of the idea. Those Opposed. There were more yeas than nays.

COMMITTEE OF THE DAY

E∴Sir Prescott W. Eaton: R∴E∴Sir Grand Commander, I have been informed that 78 tickets have been sold at the present time for the luncheon at the Old Country Club opposite the Governor Dummer Academy. The luncheon, if on schedule, will be at one o'clock. Following this I believe there is a meeting of the Past Commanders' Association.

On motion duly made and seconded a standing vote of thanks was tendered E∴Sir Prescott W. Eaton and the Committee of the Day in appreciation of their efforts in making the necessary arrangements and also for arranging for the use of the Masonic Temple without charge to the Grand Commandery.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Any further business to come before this Grand Commandery?

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: There is nothing on my desk.

The 149th Semi-Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery was adjourned at 12:35 P.M.

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Grand Recorder

THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONCLAVE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS
AND
THE APPENDANT ORDERS
OF
MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, OCTOBER 29, 1955

The One Hundred and Fifty-Second Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island convened in Full Form at 9:30 A.M., Saturday, October 29, 1955 in the Masonic Temple in the City of Providence, Rhode Island. Sir Knight Kenneth H. Earle presided. Divine Blessing was asked by Sir Knight Frank B. Crandall, Grand Prelate.

At this time the Report of the Committee on Credentials showed 195 Sir Knights present representing 40 Commanderies.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT

Sir Kt. KENNETH H. EARLE . . . . . *R.E. Grand Commander*
Sir Kt. MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER . . . . . *V.E. Deputy Grand Commander*
Sir Kt. THOMAS A. BOOTH . . . . . *E. Grand Generalissimo*
Sir Kt. DWIGHT C. PAGE . . . . . *E. Grand Captain General*
Sir Kt. ALFRED C. BLAKE . . . . . *E. Grand Senior Warden*
Sir Kt. ELLIOTT N. HOLLEY . . . . . *E. Grand Junior Warden*
Sir Kt. FRANK B. CRANDALL . . . . . *E. Grand Prelate*
Sir Kt. OTIS L. MASON . . . . . *E. Associate Grand Prelate*
Sir Kt. A. KENNETH MARTIN . . . . . *R.E. Grand Treasurer*
Sir Kt. GEORGE A. WEEKS . . . . . *R.E. Grand Recorder*
Sir Kt. CLARENCE E. BOOTH. . . . . *E. Grand Standard Bearer*
Sir Kt. RAYMOND L. HALL . . . . . *E. Grand Sword Bearer*
Sir Kt. WILLIAM C. MCCORMICK . . . . . *E. Grand Warder*
Sir Kt. WILLIAM F. WEST . . . . . *E. Division Commander*
Sir Kt. LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN . . . . . *E. Division Commander*
Sir Kt. CLYDE L. CARTER . . . . . *E. Inspector Instructor*

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

R∴E∴SIR BENJAMIN F. DOWNING
R∴E∴SIR HAROLD W. SPRAGUE
R∴E∴SIR JOHN E. RINES
R∴E∴SIR FRANK H. WILSON
R∴E∴SIR FREDERIC KENNEDY
R∴E∴SIR HAROLD S. CROCKER
R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS
R∴E∴SIR A. KENNETH MARTIN
R∴E∴SIR ROBERT G. WILSON, JR.
R∴E∴SIR HARRIE M. TAFT

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Now, if the officers, who have been chosen to present the Grand Officers, will retire at this time, I will immediately send to receive them. Eminent Captain of the Guard, you will form an Escort and retire to escort our distinguished guests.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS PRESENT

Em. Sir George B. Barclay, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commander K.T. of the State of New York representing R∴E∴Sir James C. Corbett, Grand Commander — Introduced by R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson.

R∴E∴Sir Paul W. Glynn, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of Vermont — Introduced by Em. Sir Leslie M. Collins.

R∴E∴Sir George B. Tuttle, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of New Hampshire — Introduced by R∴E∴Sir Harrie M. Taft.

R∴E∴Sir Archibald G. Prisk, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of Connecticut.

R∴E∴Sir Frank E. Kay, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of Connecticut.

R∴E∴Sir Frederick M. Tompkins, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of Connecticut.

R∴E∴Sir Frederick Coles, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of Connecticut — Introduced by Em. Sir Harold A. Budreau.

R∴E∴Sir Robert C. Whitman, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of Maine, representing R∴E∴ Sir Nelson B. Camick, Grand Commander — Introduced by R∴E∴Sir Benjamin F. Downing.

R∴E∴Sir Raymond T. Wesner, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of New Jersey, representing R∴E∴Sir Earl E. Siewell, Grand Commander — Introduced by R∴E∴Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.

R∴E∴Sir Raymond N. Babcock, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the District of Columbia — Introduced by R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker.

Ill. Claude L. Allen 33°, Active Member of the Supreme Council and Deputy for Massachusetts for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U.S.A.

Ill. Norris G. Abbott 33°, Active Member of the Supreme Council and Deputy for Rhode Island for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U.S.A. — Introduced by R∴E∴ Sir A. Kenneth Martin.

M∴Ill. Eugene B. Hamilton, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts.

M∴Ill. Albert W. Claflin, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island — Introduced by M∴Ill. Alfred E. Grant.

M∴Ex. Robert C. Lawton, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island.

R∴Ex. and Rev. W. Irving Monroe, Jr., Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, and representing M∴Ex. Henry F. Smith, Grand High Priest — Introduced by M∴Ex. Alexander Campbell.

Ill. Herman C. McStay, Potentate of Aleppo Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.

Ill. John R. Oppy, Potentate of Palestine Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.

Ill. Richard E. Goff, Past Potentate of Palestine Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. — Introduced by Em. Sir N. Russell Lynn.

R∴E∴Sir Frederic Kennedy, Department Commander of the Grand Encampment K.T. of U.S.A., Northeastern Division — Introduced by R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks.

M∴E∴Sir Walter A. DeLamater, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America — Introduced by R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines.

M∴Wor. Alton T. Curtis, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons for Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

R∴Wor. A. Neill Osgood, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts representing the M∴Wor. Whitfield W. Johnson, Grand Master — Introduced by R∴E∴Sir Harold W. Sprague.

R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I believe that we all feel greatly honored this morning that an outstanding Templar, perhaps the greatest Templar in the United States by virtue of the office he now holds, should grace us by his presence. In the twenty or more years that I have known him I have learned more and more to recognize his sterling qualities. He is a retired General of the Army of the United States. He is a vigorous, energetic and willing worker in all Masonic Bodies. He is a doer as well as a thinker and he has proven to be an experienced and capable administrator; but above all he represents and exemplifies that cardinal virtue on which our beloved Order is founded. He is a spiritual and Christian gentleman.

I present to you, and to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, Sir Knight Walter Allan DeLamater.

The Grand Commander: Sir Knight DeLamater, it is an extreme pleasure to greet you in our 152nd Conclave right back where this Grand Commandery was founded and originated, too. I am very happy that you came and also to greet you. If you will approach, I will receive you in the East.

R∴E∴Sir Harold W. Sprague: Right Eminent Grand Commander, our jurisdiction in Templary is unique among the jurisdictions of this country in that it embraces two states and, therefore, the jurisdictions of two Grand Lodges. It is my great pleasure to present to you this morning, and through you to the Sir Knights assembled, Most Worshipful Alton T. Curtis, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations; also Right Worshipful A. Neill Osgood, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, acting Grand Master, and representing Most Worshipful Whitfield W. Johnson, Grand Master.

The Grand Commander: Most Worshipful Sirs, I am happy to welcome you into this 152nd Conclave. We are sorry that Most Worshipful Whitfield Johnson could not be with us but we are happy to have the Deputy Grand Master in his stead.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, be seated. Sir Knight Captain of the Guard, dismiss the Escort.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: At this time I will ask the R∴E∴ Grand Recorder to call the Roll Call of the Grand Representatives.

ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama	E∴SIR WILLIAM TURNER
Arizona	R∴E∴SIR FREDERIC KENNEDY
Arkansas	V∴E∴SIR MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER
California	R∴E∴SIR CLARENCE E. BURLEIGH
Colorado	E∴SIR ROBERT E. POWELL
Connecticut	E∴SIR HAROLD A. BUDREAU
District of Columbia	R∴E∴SIR HAROLD S. CROCKER
Georgia	E∴SIR JAMES R. HOOPER
Illinois	E∴SIR WILLIAM C. MCCORMICK
Indiana	E∴SIR FRANK B. ELLS
Iowa	E∴SIR PRESCOTT W. EATON
Kansas	E∴SIR RICHARD E. GOFF
Kentucky	E∴SIR HAROLD L. BURR
Louisiana	E∴SIR WILLIAM S. COOPER
Minnesota	E∴SIR THOMAS A. BOOTH
Mississippi	E∴SIR CLYDE L. CARTER
Montana	E∴SIR ALFRED C. BLAKE
Nebraska	E∴SIR HERBERT F. SAWYER
New Hampshire	R∴E∴SIR JOHN E. RINES
New Jersey	R∴E∴SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
New Mexico	R∴E∴SIR BENJAMIN F. DOWNING
New York	R∴E∴SIR FRANK H. WILSON
North Carolina	E∴SIR JAMES B. HENRY
North Dakota	E∴SIR WILLIAM H. EVANS
Ohio	R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS
Oklahoma	E∴SIR EVERETT B. BYLES
Oregon	E∴SIR GEORGE RINGCHRIST
Pennsylvania	R∴E∴A. KENNETH MARTIN
South Carolina	E∴SIR N. RUSSELL LYNN
South Dakota	E∴SIR HERBERT Y. FOLLETT
Tennessee	E∴SIR EIGNAR RINGQUIST
Utah	E∴SIR JOHN J. MICK
Vermont	E∴SIR LESLIE M. COLLINS
Virginia	E∴SIR CLARENCE R. DAVIS
Washington	R∴E∴SIR HAROLD W. SPRAGUE
West Virginia	R∴E∴SIR HARRIE M. TAFT
Wisconsin	E∴SIR WALTER C. FURBER
Wyoming	R∴E∴SIR KENNETH H. EARLE

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I just want to thank you gentlemen for so ably taking care of your duties this year. Please convey the Knightly greetings of this Grand Commandery to your respective Grand Jurisdictions.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

To the Members of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Greetings:

We gather here in Providence today for the 152nd Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery and the completion of 150 years of its existence.

In view of the fact that this Grand Commandery was originally formed in this city I felt it only fitting that the Sesqui-Centennial Conclave be held here.

It is a pleasure for me to be able to greet you in the asylum of St. John's Commandery No. 1 K.T. for this has been my Templar home for the past 29 years, and it was in this asylum that I served as Commander and thus became eligible to become Grand Commander. I have made many friends in this asylum, and I wish to take this opportunity to express my thanks to the Sir Knights of St. John's Commandery No. 1 K.T. for their confidence and support during the past years.

To our distinguished guests, both from within and without our Grand Jurisdiction, I extend a special welcome. We are glad that you could so arrange your schedules that you could be with us today. We are highly honored to have our Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Walter A. DeLamater, and Sir Knight Frederic Kennedy, one of our own Past Grand Commanders, the newly appointed Department Commander of the Grand Encampment for this territory present today. We hope for all that your stay with us will be a pleasant one, and that we will be able to make your sojourn most enjoyable.

One year ago you honored me by electing me as your Grand Commander, and I am deeply appreciative of that honor. I have at all times sought the guidance and support of the Great Captain of our Salvation. I have rendered thanks for His watchful care over me, and I am sure that a firm reliance in Him, who died that we might live, has helped me immeasurably to carry on as your Grand Commander. It now becomes my duty to submit for your information and consideration, my official acts during the past year.

When I became your Grand Commander one year ago, it was my desire to visit as many of our Constituent Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction as possible without too serious a neglect of my health and daily occupation.

I have tried to take advantage of every opportunity to express to the various Commanderies, the thanks and appreciation of the Grand Commandery for the splendid cooperation they were giving to promote the cause of Templary in their community.

We have had a most active year with full form exemplifications of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta in Gardner, Massachusetts, January 15th, courtesy of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46, Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20 of Melrose and Worcester County Commandery No. 5 of Worcester.

We again exemplified these orders on March 5th in Newtonville, Massachusetts, courtesy of Gethsemane Commandery No. 35 of Newtonville and DeMolay Commandery No. 7 of Boston.

On May 7th, in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of Pilgrim Commandery No. 9 of Lowell, they exemplified both Orders during the afternoon and celebrated the occasion with a banquet in the evening.

Over 200 candidates witnessed this work and were much impressed by the excellent exemplification of these Orders.

We held our Semi-Annual Conclave in Newburyport, Massachusetts on May 14th. It is my personal belief that the Semi-Annual Conclave should be held at a different spot throughout the jurisdiction each year thereby giving all members an equal chance to attend.

TEMPLAR NIGHT AT THE POPS

On June 7, 1955, a "Templar Night at the Pops" was again sponsored by the Eastern Presiding Councils Club with Sir Knight Henry F. Bell, Captain General of St. Omer Commandery No. 21 K.T. as President and Em. Sir William A. Mann and Em. Sir Harold L. Burr, Past Commanders of Gethsemane Commandery No. 35 K.T. as General Chairmen.

The "Pops Night" has been the means of raising funds for donations to Templar Activities and other worthy causes.

I consider the "Pops Night" a worthy undertaking and activities of this type warrant the support of each Sir Knight.

NINTH ANNUAL TEMPLAR SERVICE

Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 K.T. of Fitchburg, Massachusetts sponsored an Outdoor Church Service to be held in Doyle Field, Leominster, Massachusetts on Sunday, June 12th at 2:30 P.M., but due to rain, it was held in the High School Auditorium which was filled to capacity.

The speaker was Sir Knight Dr. E. Robert Chable, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the State of New York.

The purpose of Jerusalem Commandery in sponsoring this Outdoor Church Service was to demonstrate to the Sir Knights and citizens of the surrounding communities, the essential unity of Christians of all denominational choices.

As we worshipped, together, it was the firm conviction that we were all united against oppression of any kind, with a belief in the teaching of Christ — to heal the wounds of a world beset by selfishness, intolerance, and sin, and to serve the Master in sincerity and truth, and to pray that Fear may be lifted from the hearts of mankind and Peace may soon reign over all this earth.

CITATIONS
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Grand Commandery realizes that a Commander should be rewarded for Outstanding Activities such as increasing their Membership, Social Gatherings, and any other activity that will benefit Templary and thus make for a more successful year.

Citations are given "In recognition and appreciation of outstanding achievements," which stand as a mark of distinction in Promotional Activities during our year ending June 30, 1955.

I take pleasure at this time, in making the following presentations to the following Commanders:

Sir Kt. Allen Howard Millet, Eminent Commander of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46 K.T.
Sir Kt. Roy Edward Wright, Eminent Commander of De Molay Commandery No. 7 K.T.
Sir Kt. Albert Fred Ford, Eminent Commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20 K.T.
Sir Kt. Phillip R. Janes, Eminent Commander of Gethsemane Commandery No. 35 K.T.
Sir Kt. Gabriel A. Namen, Eminent Commander of Worcester County Commandery No. 5 K.T.
Sir Kt. Douglas A. Davis, Eminent Commander of Pilgrim Commandery No. 9 K.T.
Sir Kt. Clarence E. Booth, Past Commander of Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 K.T., and Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.
Sir Kt. Everett A. Farr, Eminent Commander of Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 K.T.
Sir Kt. Harold L. Burr, Past Commander of Gethsemane Commandery No. 35 K.T.
Sir Kt. William A. Mann, Past Commander of Gethsemane Commandery No. 35 K.T.

I also want to thank sincerely all those Sir Knights who took active part in the casts and in the background who made these affairs possible and successful.

There are again vacancies in our ranks as many here and throughout our cherished land have answered the Final Roll Call. It is with deep regret that I must record the passing of Sir Knight and Reverend T. Frederick Marshall, Associate Grand Prelate, who answered the final roll call to the arms of our Great Creator on July 11, 1955. We all appreciate the many years of service which this Sir Knight gave so willingly to Templary. His virtues linger in our memory, and the recollection of his finer qualities is a consolation in this hour.

At this time we will suspend and listen to the Report of the Committee on Necrology.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

October 29, 1955

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Members of this Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

Your Committee on Necrology presents its Annual Report for the year, November 1, 1954 to August 31, 1955.

The Records note the departure of one of our beloved officers of this Grand Commandery, Sir Knight and the Reverend T. Frederick Marshall, Associate Grand Prelate. He was brave and faithful unto death and a good soldier of Jesus Christ. May God rest his soul!

Recorded also is the departure of 440 other Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and 32 Past Grand Commanders of other Grand Jurisdictions and 8 Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions.

Our Brother Knights, who have passed from our sight on this earthly scene and whom we mourn, have completed their earthly pilgrimage. They have faithfully kept their vows as warriors for God and the Right. They have fulfilled their obligations as pilgrim penitent. In memory of great men, well pleasing to God and beloved servants of mankind, they have received in their last earthly communion, the Bread of Heaven and the Chalice of Salvation. They have sealed their faith in this sacred Action and borne witness that our death is the Green Gate opening on the way to Immortality in the life of the World to Come.

We, their Fraters, continuing on the pilgrimage of life, hold these beloved Sir Knights in our hearts in grateful memory. We commend their souls to God who gave them. God rest their souls as they await the dawn of the Everlasting Morning.

To all who mourn our beloved Sir Knights, whom we remember today and whose names are appended hereto and made a part thereof, we offer the Knightly sympathy of all the Members of this Grand Commandery. We would support them with the Templar Faith. With those who mourn, we look forward to the time when God's will is done in the final reunion of all souls and when with the Blessed Emanuel, we shall partake with them of the Fruit of the Vine anew in the Kingdom of God. In that hope we bless ourselves with the sign of the Cross in which we shall conquer.

Courteously submitted,

FRANK B. CRANDALL, *Chairman*
OTIS L. MASON

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

Commandery	*Past Commanders*	*Date of Death*
St. John's No. 1	Lester S. Davis	Oct. 25, 1954
St. John's No. 1	Elmer F. Seabury	Nov. 15, 1954
Boston No. 2	Elmer G. Page	April 19, 1955
Springfield No. 6	William M. Lee	June 20, 1955
Pilgrim No. 9	John H. Johnson	May 9, 1955
Milford No. 11	George R. Howarth	Nov. 21, 1954
St. Bernard No. 12	Edward M. Chase	May 23, 1955
Calvary No. 13	John Joseph Hogg	Jan. 7, 1955
Winslow Lewis No. 18	Charles Goodwin	Dec. 12, 1954
Hugh de Payens No. 20	Ralph B. Nelson	Aug. 27, 1955
St. Omer No. 21	Lawrence S. Bearse	Aug. 27, 1955
Connecticut Valley No. 23	Robert Francis Damon	Aug. 5, 1955
Joseph Warren No. 26	Harry J. Kenworthy	June 30, 1955
Bristol No. 29	Winthrop F. Barden	Mar. 20, 1955
Bristol No. 29	David George Hayes	Dec. 1, 1954
Northampton No. 30	Raymond Arthur Phelps	Sept. 1, 1955
South Shore No. 31	Gardner R. P. Barker	Oct. 18, 1954
South Shore No. 31	W. Howard Mills	July 21, 1955
Trinity No. 32	E. Jefts Beede	June 23, 1955
St. Paul No. 40	William J. Geddes	June 29, 1955
St. Paul No. 40	Clifford E. Wilbur	May 3, 1955
Beauseant No. 41	George Albert Chisholm	May 19, 1955
Beauseant No. 41	Ernest V. L. Whitechurch	Dec. 28, 1954
Quincy No. 47	Joseph Earl Burt	April 6, 1955
Thomas Smith Webb No. 51	Winfield Scott Solomon	Sept. 12, 1954
Sir Galahad No. 52	Benjamin S. Battye	May 10, 1955

DECEASED PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Alabama	R∴E∴Sir Newman Smith Cryer	Sept. 4, 1954
	R∴E∴Sir Col. Woolsey Finnell	Jan. 26, 1955
	R∴E∴Sir Pleasant W. Gay	Mar. 27, 1955
	R∴E∴Sir Joseph Dixon Matlock	Nov. 24, 1954
Arizona	R∴E∴Sir Frederick Peter Cruice	May 29, 1955
Arkansas	R∴E∴Sir Edgar H. McFadden	Nov. 23, 1954
California	R∴E∴Sir Harvey Earl Teller	Sept. 15, 1955
Connecticut	R∴E∴Sir Otto Bismark Robinson	Feb. 22, 1955
Florida	R∴E∴Sir Thomas Erasmus Dickenson	Aug. 11, 1955
Georgia	R∴E∴Sir John Bennett Russell	Jan. 20, 1955
	R∴E∴Sir Frank B. Willingham	June 12, 1955
Idaho	R∴E∴Sir Oliver Chester Wilson	Mar. 12, 1955
Kansas	R∴E∴Sir Jay Buchan Kirk	July 18, 1955
Louisiana	R∴E∴Sir Mark Anthony Quilty	Nov. 10, 1954
Michigan	R∴E∴Sir Albert L. Smith	Oct. 29, 1954
Mississippi	R∴E∴Sir William Alexander Johns	June 7, 1955
Nebraska	R∴E∴Sir Fred C. Malony	April 19, 1955
	R∴E∴Sir Noah M. Ryan	April 27, 1955
Nevada	R∴E∴Sir Andrew Ruckteschler	Feb. 11, 1955
New Hampshire	R∴E∴Sir George William Garland	Aug. 20, 1955
New Jersey	R∴E∴Sir Mervin Pettit	May 22, 1955
New York	R∴E∴Sir Herbert Carl Yeckel	Nov. 24, 1954
New Mexico	R∴E∴Sir Thomas Joseph Hall	Aug. 15, 1955
	R∴E∴Sir Reuben Perry	Dec. 13, 1954
North Dakota	R∴E∴Sir Granville W. Wolbert	June 20, 1955
Oklahoma	R∴E∴Sir Harold G. Durnell	Feb. 8, 1955

Pennsylvania	R∴E∴Sir Herbert Russell Laird	Feb. 12, 1955
Tennessee	R∴E∴Sir Harry Green	Jan. 20, 1955
Virginia	R∴E∴Sir Thomas Williamson Hooper	Oct. 15, 1954
West Virginia	R∴E∴Sir Milton W. Stroehman	May 8, 1955
Wyoming	R∴E∴Sir Elwood Anderson	May 18, 1955
	R∴E∴Sir Luf Jefson	Sept. 18, 1954

DECEASED GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Arizona	Sir Knight Andrew Robinson Meloy *Grand Generalissimo*	Jan. 7, 1955
Idaho	Sir Knight Daniel Fitch Banks, *Grand Recorder*	May 23, 1955
Illinois	Sir Knight Charles Chester Wodetzki, *Grand Senior Warden*	April 11, 1955
Kansas	Sir Knight Frank Lloyd Cunningham, *Grand Captain of the Guard*	Dec. 2, 1954
Michigan	Sir Knight Walter John Leitheiser, *Grand Captain of the Guard*	July 31, 1955
Oklahoma	Sir Knight Ralph L. Dunkle, *Grand Treasurer*	Sept. 1, 1955
Washington	Sir Knight Leslie Cramer *Grand Recorder Emeritus*	Oct. 9, 1954
Wisconsin	Sir Knight Willard Vanburen Jackson, *Grand Senior Warden*	Jan. 24, 1955

THE TEMPLAR

Through the medium of *The Templar*, which was published each month and augmented by a statistical sheet by Right Eminent Sir Frank H. Wilson, Chairman of the New Membership and Publicity Committee, which gave the standings and progress of each Commandery, we have tried to keep all informed as to what was going on in our Commandery Circles.

I hope that the news items and messages were of interest and *The Templar* will be continued by your New Grand Commander.

When the Commandery Officers have finished with their copies they should make them available to the other Sir Knights of their respective Commanderies.

MEMBERSHIP

For the eighth straight year, this Grand Jurisdiction can report a Net Gain in Membership.

In 1948, the Net Gain was 190; 1949 the Net Gain was 173; 1950 the Net Gain was 465; 1951 the Net Gain was 212; 1952 the Net Gain was 316; 1953 the Net Gain was 185; 1954 the Net Gain was 115 and this year (1954–1955) ending June 30, 1955 the Net Gain was 151.

Total petitions received during the year 1954–1955 were 726.

We knighted 710, Affiliated 30 and Reinstated 18 and our total Membership today is 14,723.

A complete detailed Report will be given by our Membership Committee later in our Conclave today.

INSPECTIONS

At my officers' meeting, my Division Commanders were instructed that no Commandery was required to do the full Order of the Temple on the night of Inspection.

It is a pleasure to report that each Commandery held its Annual Inspection in accordance with the schedule assigned.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to each Division Commander for his cooperation during the Past Grand Commandery Year.

MARKING

The Mark was based on candidates, social events, church attendance, public appearances, elimination of outstanding dues, and other worthy achievements which are all part of a successful Templar Year.

HONORABLE MENTION

Many of our Commanderies deserve Honorable Mention for obtaining their Quotas of Petitions as set-up by the Membership Committee at the beginning of our Commandery Year. This year there were 14 Commanderies that either reached or exceeded their Quotas.

COMMANDERY	% 1955
Cyprus, No. 39	313
Worcester County, No. 5	145
Winslow Lewis, No. 18	142
DeMolay, No. 7	141
Godfrey de Bouillon, No. 25	125
Quincy, No. 47	120
Joseph Warren, No. 26	117
Narragansett, No. 27	117
Ivanhoe, No. 46	113
South Shore, No. 31	111
Jerusalem, No. 19	106
Bristol, No. 29	100
St. Paul, No. 40	100
Temple, No. 48	100

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Sir Knights of these 14 Commanderies for their efforts in taking up the challenge of fulfilling their obligations to practice Templary as exemplified by the teachings of the Great Captain of our Salvation.

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES FUND

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 190 Sir Knights for their contribution to the Grand Commander's Fund to help carry out several of the activities. All funds received have been dispersed for the benefit of Templary as outlined in my solicitation. A list of contributors has been passed out today to you as I promised.

VISITATIONS

Highlighting my visitations this year was my flight, accompanied by Sir Knight Clarence E. Booth, our Grand Standard Bearer and Sir Knight Raymond L. Hall, our Grand Sword Bearer, to the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Texas celebrating their Centennial Year. We had a most enjoyable four days and were accorded every courtesy.

I also attended the Annual Conclaves of the Grand Commanderies of Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Maine.

All four were most pleasant occasions.

LADIES' NIGHT

The members of the Past Grand Commanders' Wives Association, through the courtesy of the Past Commanders' Association on their Ladies' Night, were privileged to enjoy a very fine dinner and entertainment as guests of this Grand Commandery. The affair took place on April 29th in the Banquet Room in the Masonic Temple.

My thanks to the Past Commanders' Association for this courtesy.

PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES

Very Eminent Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder, our Deputy Grand Commander, served as Chairman of this Committee, and all Division Commanders are members of this Committee. A full report will be made by the Chairman of that Committee later today.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND GOOD CHEER

Official Order No. 1 under date of November 1, 1954 requesting contributions for the purpose of carrying "Good Cheer and Good Will" into the homes of the needy, was sent to each of the Constituent Commanderies.

Fifty Commanderies contributed a total of $8,757.85 which is an increase over November, 1953 of $45.38.

Many of our Commanderies did not avail themselves of Official Order No. 1 under date of November 1, 1954 — Annual Christmas and Good Cheer Offering — which is a direct appeal from the Grand Commander to all the Sir Knights in our jurisdiction to make a contribution to this worthy cause. Since the beginning of this Christmas Activity in 1931, we have collected and expended $144,174.25 but our collection for 1954 was still short of our quota of $1.00 per each Sir Knight. (A complete summary was made at our Semi-Annual Conclave in May 1955.)

ANNUAL EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America held its 25th Annual Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service in Arlington National Cemetery located directly across the Potomac River in Virginia opposite the District of Columbia on Easter Sunday Morning.

The address of the occasion was delivered by Sir Knight Maurice M. Wetherspoon, Capt. CHC, USN (Ret.). Music was furnished by the United States Marine Band.

After the service, the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia sponsored a breakfast in the Washington Hotel.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT TRIENNIAL

We made a pilgrimage to New York City in August to attend the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

Ten Past Grand Commanders attended the meetings which were held in the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel daily.

The outstanding legislation passed was the Resolution presented regarding establishing a Knights Templar 100% Charity on a National Basis for the treatment of needy sufferers from eye diseases or injuries which if untreated would result in blindness. It is hereafter to be called the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., for the purpose of treatment, hospitalization and research for diseases of the eye or injuries thereof.

An annual assessment of $1.00 per member each year was levied upon each Grand and Subordinate Commandery of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America based upon the membership therein beginning July 1, 1956 which shall be paid to the Grand Encampment by the Grand and Subordinate Commanderies not later than July 1, 1957.

This Project is to treat all persons without regard to race, color, creed, age or sex or national origin; and that the treatment

and hospitalization of patients for this purpose shall be free and the prerequisite for admission will be the inability of the patient to pay for such treatment or hospitalization.

While contributions in addition to the assessment are welcome and will be Tax Free, and some have already been received, no public appeal or advertising in connection with the Knights Templar Eye Project is to be held without the approval of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Our jurisdiction was very well represented with over Four Hundred uniformed Sir Knights in line in the Parade Tuesday evening, August 23rd. Unfortunately the floods caused by hurricane Dianne hit very hard in our jurisdiction and made it impossible for many Sir Knights to make the trip. It is my understanding that we had the greatest number in the parade from one jurisdiction.

ABBIE FRANCES LAWTON MEMORIAL DENTAL CLINIC

Central Falls, Rhode Island

The Abbie Frances Lawton Memorial Dental Clinic is dedicated to the relief of pain and suffering and dental research. It is treating more than 10,000 school children a year with preventive dentistry without charge and is cooperating with research doctors of Tufts University Dental School in their studies of human denture growth and control.

Furthermore, this clinic is owned by, and under the administration of Holy Sepulchre Commandery, No. 8, Knights Templar, of Pawtucket, R. I., and has been engaged in this humanitarian work for 12 years.

FINANCES

I am pleased to report that the expenses of this Grand Commandery have been kept within the Budget as submitted by the Finance Committee and adopted by this Grand Commandery at its Past Annual Conclave in spite of ever increasing costs.

RECEPTIONS

A reception was tendered me at Johnson's Hummocks Grill in Providence on November 12th by my own Commandery, St. John's No. 1. It was a most enjoyable evening for all.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

It is indeed with great pride and pleasure that I acknowledge these Honorary Memberships:

Calvary Commandery No. 13
Bristol Commandery No. 29
Jerusalem Commandery No. 19
Grand Commandery of Texas

THOMAS SMITH WEBB MEDALS

During 1954–1955, twenty-four Commanderies presented 163 Thomas Smith Webb Medals to 40 year veterans.

St. John's Commandery No. 1	24
Boston Commandery No. 2	12
Newburyport Commandery No. 3	5
Worcester County Commandery No. 5	26
Pilgrim Commandery No. 9	8
Palestine Commandery No. 10	6
Old Colony Commandery No. 15	3
Sutton Commandery No. 16	6
Bethany Commandery No. 17	17
Jerusalem Commandery No. 19	17
St. Omer Commandery No. 21	1
Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 25	2
Joseph Warren Commandery No. 26	1
South Shore Commandery No. 31	1
Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34	3
Gethesemane Commandery No. 35	2
Olivet Commandery No. 36	4
Athol Commandery No. 37	4
Bay State Commandery No. 38	4
Cyprus Commandery No. 39	1
Orange Commandery No. 45	1
Quincy Commandery No. 47	10
Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51	5
	163

During 1954–1955, nine Commanderies presented 100 Fifty-year Bars

Worcester County Commandery No. 5	9
Pilgrim Commandery No. 9	17
Old Colony Commandery No. 15	11
Bethany Commandery No. 17	13
St. Omer Commandery No. 21	6
Trinity Commandery No. 32	6
Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34	16
Gethsemane Commandery No. 35	7
Bay State Commandery No. 38	15
	100

DISPENSATIONS TO RECEIVE PETITIONS AND BALLOT ON SAME AT THE CONCLAVE OR SPECIAL CONCLAVE

In accordance with the specific powers granted to the Grand Commander in Article VIII Section 2, of the Constitution of this

Grand Commandery to permit Constituent Commanderies to receive petitions and ballot thereon at the same Conclave after such notice as he may deem proper, I granted

Dispensations issued during 1954–1955 to receive and ballot upon petitions at the same Conclave were:

No. of Petitions		
1	October 8, 1954	St. Omer Commandery No. 21
1	December 13, 1954	Boston Commandery No. 2
2	December 22, 1954	De Molay Commandery No. 7
3	December 27, 1954	Gethsemane Commandery No. 35
1	December 30, 1954	Springfield Commandery No. 6
1	January 3, 1955	Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46
1	January 3, 1955	Connecticut Valley No. 23
1	January 10, 1955	Boston Commandery No. 2
1	January 13, 1955	Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46
3	January 17, 1955	De Molay Commandery No. 7
3	January 17, 1955	Calvary Commandery No. 13
4	February 4, 1955	Palestine Commandery No. 10
1	February 17, 1955	Gethsemane Commandery No. 35
1	February 17, 1955	Springfield Commandery No. 6
3	February 23, 1955	De Molay Commandery No. 7
3	February 23, 1955	Cyprus Commandery No. 39
1	March 28, 1955	Connecticut Valley No. 23
2	April 12, 1955	Calvary Commandery No. 13
1	April 13, 1955	Holy Sepulchre Commandery No. 8
2	April 18, 1955	Boston Commandery No. 2
3	April 20, 1955	Reading Commandery No. 50
1	April 21, 1955	South Shore Commandery No. 31
1	April 25, 1955	Cyprus Commandery No. 39
3	April 25, 1955	Gethsemane Commandery No. 35
3	April 25, 1955	Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34
1	April 26, 1955	Winslow Lewis Commandery No. 18
2	May 1, 1955	Trinity Commandery No. 32
8	May 1, 1955	Woonsocket Commandery No. 24
12	May 2, 1955	Boston Commandery No. 2
1	May 2, 1955	Joseph Warren Commandery No. 26
3	May 6, 1955	Sir Galahad Commandery No. 52
1	May 6, 1955	St. Omer Commandery No. 21
1	May 20, 1955	Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20
5	May 20, 1955	De Molay Commandery No. 7
6	September 8, 1955	Palestine Commandery No. 10
3	September 20, 1955	Boston Commandery No. 2

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED FOR OTHER PURPOSES

September 29, 1954 — Woonsocket Commandery No. 24 K.T., to hold a Special Election for the offices of Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior Warden and Junior Warden.

October 1, 1954 — Jerusalem Commandery No. 19 K.T., to hold a Special Election for the office of Junior Warden and such other officers as necessary.

October 1, 1954 — Connecticut Valley Commandery No. 23 K.T., to hold a Special Election for the Office of Trustee of the Permanent Fund and Member of the Masonic Hall Association.

January 3, 1955 — Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46 K.T., to hold a Special Conclave in the Junior High School Auditorium.

February 10, 1955 — Bethlehem Commandery No. 43 K.T., to hold their Conclaves in the Masonic Apartments of Acadia Lodge, East Gloucester until their apartments have been repaired.

March 9, 1955 — Bethlehem Commandery No. 43 K.T., to hold their Inspection in the Masonic Temple, Newburyport, Mass. This was due to an emergency.

March 24, 1955 — St. Paul Commandery No. 40 K.T., to have Apollo Commandery No. 15 K.T., Troy, New York confer the Order of Malta on four candidates.

April 6, 1955 — Springfield Commandery No. 6 K.T., to exemplify the Royal Arch Degree in Hampden Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

June 27, 1955 — Washington Commandery No. 4 K.T., to participate in the Washington-Rouchambeau Celebration Parade on July 9th, 1955.

July 27, 1955 — Temple Commandery No. 48 K.T., to hold a Special Election for the Office of Captain General

August 30, 1955 — Cyprus Commandery No. 39 K.T., to hold a Special Election for the Office of Recorder and Junior Warden.

September 9, 1955 — De Molay Commandery No. 7 K.T., to hold a Special Election for the Office of Treasurer and such other officers as may be necessary.

September 9, 1955 — Orange Commandery No. 45 K.T., to hold a Special Election for the Offices of Generalissimo, Captain General, and Junior Warden at their Stated Conclave.

September 26, 1955 — Berkshire Commandery No. 22 K.T., to hold their Stated Conclave in Monument Chapter Lodge Room, Masonic Temple, Great Barrington, Mass.

PERMISSION TO INVADE GRANTED

March 24, 1955 — Apollo Commandery No. 15 K.T., of Troy, New York, to confer the Order of Malta, in Full Form, on four candidates in St. Paul Commandery No. 40 K.T., North Adams, Massachusetts.

RELEASE OF JURISDICTION RECEIVED

April 20, 1955 — Trinity Commandery No. 68 K.T., Flushing, New York granted a Release of Jurisdiction over Companion George A. Smith to Boston Commandery No. 2 K.T., Boston, Massachusetts.

May 18, 1955 — Grand Commandery K.T. of New Hampshire granted a Release of Jurisdiction over Companion David A. Lamb, Plaistow, New Hampshire to Haverhill Commandery No. 15 K.T., Haverhill, Mass.

RELEASE OF JURISDICTION GRANTED

May 20, 1955 — Springfield Commandery No. 6 K.T., Springfield, Massachusetts granted a Release of Jurisdiction over Companion Lloyd Ellison to Holy Cross Commandery No. 12 K.T., of Bellows Falls, Vermont.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED

November 15, 1954 — Illinois, Em. Sir William C. McCormick, Grand Warder as Grand Representative of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near that Grand Jurisdiction.

November 25, 1954 — Kansas, Em. Sir Richard E. Goff, as Grand Representative of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near that Grand Jruisdiction.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED

June 2, 1955 — Ohio, Sir Knight Howard E. Malone, as their Grand Representative of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near that Grand Jurisdiction.

June 6, 1955 — Oregon, Sir Knight Harold W. Given, as their Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near that Grand Jurisdiction.

July 5, 1955 — Wisconsin, Sir Knight Earl B. Bauer, as their Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near that Grand Jurisdiction.

September 1, 1955 — New York, Sir Knight Harry G. Topping as their Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island near that Grand Jurisdiction.

CONCLUSION

I want to thank our Grand Recorder, R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks, Grand Treasurer, R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin, and Secretary Miss Fowler for their ever ready help and support.

To all my Council Officers, Line Officers, and Committee Members, many thanks for each carrying out their respective assignments.

In closing I want to thank all of you for giving me the privilege of serving as your Grand Commander. I shall always cherish the memories of the several years in serving this Grand Commandery.

Courteously submitted,

KENNETH H. EARLE,
Grand Commander

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks: R∴E∴Sir, may I address a motion to the V∴E∴Deputy Grand Commander?

The Grand Commander: You may.

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks: V∴E∴Deputy Grand Commander, I recommend that the report of the Grand Commander be accepted, spread upon, and printed in the records of our proceedings.

V∴E∴Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder: Sir Knights, you have heard the motion of our Grand Recorder. All in favor extend the sword arm. Those opposed, the bridle arm. So carried.

The Grand Commander: At this time I would like to present to you the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Alton T. Curtis, who has to leave shortly to attend another meeting.

M∴W∴Alton T. Curtis: R∴E∴Sir, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, R∴W∴Deputy Grand Master of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Ill. Bro. Abbott, Deputy for Rhode Island, Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite, distinguished guests, gracing the East, as Grand Master of Rhode Island may I say my Brothers all.

You may be sure that this morning it is a rare privilege and honor for me to bring the fraternal greetings of the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

This morning I stand here not as a member of this Body and yet I am so grateful that I, too, believe as you do. I have had a little enlightenment regarding the Commandery. I have heard the Grand Commander speak. I, too, this morning am willing to witness and am glad to witness that I believe the same Christ, the same Saviour, as you do. In our Symbolic Lodges, even though the name of Christ is never mentioned, we speak of the Heavenly

Father, Jehovah, and the Supreme Architect of the Universe. And may I say here that I doubt if I will have the opportunity to address a Masonic Body composed of all Christians. But as Christians we believe in the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.

I think that you Brethren of this Body have a tremendous responsibility as Christians. I think that each of you must know and realize that the power of this Body depends on each individual Knight; that today as never before the public are watching and judging to see that each of you are living up to your individual and personal obligations.

I do not want to use up too much time so I will go to the Scriptures to supplement my remarks. When Christ was speaking of the time he would leave this earth, the Ascension, "Whither I go you know not." And Thomas said, "Master, show us the way." And Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the light. No man cometh unto the Father but by Me."

Brethren, may I express the wish that each of us will leave this communication with a determination that we will so let our light shine before men that they may see the good works of our Father in Heaven.

R∴E∴Sir, may I express my sincere appreciation for the courtesies of last night, this morning, and for your thoughtfulness in sending flowers to one who was not able to be present; and finally, congratulate you on the completion of a successful term in office. Thank you.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Right now I would call on our visitor to Rhode Island, R∴W∴A. Neill Osgood, Deputy Grand Master of Massachusetts, representing M∴W∴Sir Whitfield W. Johnson.

R∴W∴A. NEILL OSGOOD: R∴E∴Grand Commander, M∴W∴Grand Master, distinguished guests and Sir Knights. It is a real pleasure to be here at your Annual Conclave and I am certainly enjoying the visit. Your thoughtfulness, your hospitality and the great courtesies extended to me will be long and appreciatively remembered.

The Sunday before last the Minister of my Church in his pastoral prayer sought the blessing of God upon a Rabbi, who had recently come to our town, and upon the congregation of the Temple with which he was to be associated. Perhaps, for a moment, visitors in our midst that morning might have been surprised with meeting with that sort of a thought in a service of Christian worship, but to those of us who have been members of the Church for a long time it brought back vivid memories of a night in the early thirties when fire had destroyed our beloved Church edifice. Before the embers of that conflagration had cooled, a Rabbi and a committee from a neighboring Temple brought to

us the offer of the use of their beautiful facilities until ours should have been rebuilt. For a year we worshipped God, our God and their God, but as interpreted to us through the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, under their roof adorned by the Star of David.

This generous action of our Jewish neighbors taught us, its Christian recipients, a lesson of thoughtfulness and tolerant understanding. Surely, those who made the gift were spiritually enriched and out of the brotherhood demonstrated in that hour of need was born an interest in and a friendship for one another that should be bearing fruit when the last personal memory of the incident is lost.

While Masonically my foremost interest is with the fundamental organization which we designate as the Blue Lodges yet Templary for me has a very strong appeal. My training in home and Church since early days leads me to be receptive to the teachings of the Order. I find its ritual inspirational and its fellowship congenial.

Feeling thus, as I do, you may readily understand why I look to you, my Brother Sir Knights, to assume an active leadership in promoting in what is at the one time both a basic tenet of our Masonry and a basic doctrine of our Protestant Christianity; namely, the concept that all men are Brothers under the Fatherhood of one Supreme Being. Since we, as Christian Sir Knights, must and do believe exactly that, we should and must be increasingly diligent in carrying a corresponding attitude of good will towards all men into our homes, our Churches, our communities, our Lodges, and our business activities; and make our practice of our Christian Masonry a source of light and happiness for all with whom we come in contact.

Thank you for the privilege of being here.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will have the report of the Grand Recorder.

Providence, Rhode Island
October 29, 1955

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

Membership, June 30, 1954		14,572
Gains:		
Admitted	710	
Affiliated	30	
Reinstated	18	
Errors	1	
	759	

Losses:		
Demitted	101	
Suspended	66	
Deaths	440	
Errors	1	
	608	
Net Gain		151
Membership as of June 30, 1955		14,723

Courteously submitted,

GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Grand Recorder

Grand Recorder's Cash Summary
General Fund
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1955

Arrears Collected	$ 471.79
Per Capita Dues	12,318.93
Candidates' Fees	3,480.00
Thomas Smith Webb Medals	521.10
Diplomas and Engrossing	807.90
Tactics	40.00
Official Order No. 1	136.60
G. E. Constitutions	15.75
Master of Ceremonies Books	5.50
Printing and Postage	1.50
Rent	25.00
Fifty Year Bars	106.90
Funeral Rituals	3.25
Lost Ritual	10.00
Invitations	2.00
Annual Conclave	463.20
Past Grand Warder's Jewel	28.09
Dividend — Savings Bank	16.88
Past Grand Commanders' Buttons	15.00
Triennial	3,651.75
1955 Conclaves	514.12
1954 Conclave	2,151.81
Sale of Bond	5,000.00
Bond Interest	62.50
Total Receipts for Fiscal Year	$29,849.57
Paid to Grand Treasurer	$29,849.57

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted to accept this Report and same to be printed in the Proceedings.

Grand Treasurer's Cash Summary
General Fund
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1955

September 1, 1954 Balance on Hand			$16,842.84
Received from Grand Recorder during fiscal year			29,849.57
Total			$46,692.41
Expenditures During Fiscal Year			
Per Capita Tax		$ 2,258.66	
Conclaves		5,782.91	
Printing and Postage		1,333.46	
Telephone		171.79	
Office Supplies		131.36	
Thomas Smith Webb Medals		532.61	
Grand Commander's Fund		500.00	
Rent		1,500.00	
Inspection — Printing		322.64	
Inspection — Expense		360.28	
Proceedings		1,327.50	
Bonding and Insurance		238.15	
Group Meetings		200.00	
Audit		150.00	
Social Security Taxes		151.42	
Unemployment Taxes		39.96	
Withholding Taxes		216.70	
Salaries:			
Grand Recorder	$1,898.00		
Grand Treasurer	500.00		
Secretary	1,612.00		
	$4,010.00		
Less — S.S. and W.H. Taxes	303.80	3,706.20	
Official Order No. 1		95.07	
Laundry		9.00	
Safe Deposit Box Rent		9.90	
Cooler and Service		52.70	
Miscellaneous		177.23	
Shoulder Straps		42.05	
Flowers		17.00	
Lost Ritual		10.00	
G. E. Constitutions		9.24	
R. I. York Rite Night		50.00	
Proceeds of Bond and Interest to Educational Foundation		5,062.50	
Triennial		4,453.41	
Typewriter Service		12.00	
Grand Commanders' Jewel		42.90	
Repairs		42.75	
Past Grand Commanders' Buttons		33.60	
Past Grand Warder's Jewels		56.17	
Diplomas		257.05	
Plates		4.40	
Donation		2.00	
Files		76.00	29,438.61
August 31, 1955 Balance on Hand			$17,253.80

Represented by:		
First National Bank of Boston — Checking Account	$16,753.80	
South Weymouth Savings Bank Account, Book No. 19542	500.00	
Total		$17,253.80

Comparative Income and Expense Statement
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1955

	Actual	*Budget*	*Balance*
INCOME:			
Per Capita Dues	$ 12,588.26	$12,459.06	$129.20
Candidates' Fees	3,550.00	3,625.00	*75.00*
Miscellaneous Income	270.19	150.00	120.19
Total Income	$ 16,408.45	$16,234.06	$174.39
EXPENSE:			
Dues — Grand Encampment	$ 2,258.66	$ 2,259.00	$ .34
Conclaves	2,500.00	2,500.00	.....
Proceedings	1,200.00	1,200.00	.....
Printing and Postage	976.40	1,000.00	23.60
Rent	1,537.50	1,700.00	162.50
Inspections	652.52	800.00	147.48
Group Meetings	200.00	200.00	.....
Bonding and Insurance	238.15	300.00	61.85
Salary — Grand Recorder	1,898.00	1,898.00	.....
Salary — Grand Treasurer	500.00	500.00	.....
Salary — Secretary	1,612.00	1,612.00	.....
Grand Commanders' Fund	500.00	500.00	.....
Triennial 1955	500.00	500.00	.....
Audit	150.00	150.00	.....
Office Supplies	142.36	135.00	*7.36*
Telephone	171.79	200.00	28.21
Past Grand Commanders' Jewel	42.90	50.00	7.10
Miscellaneous and Contingent	314.90	400.00	85.10
Social Security and Unemployment Taxes	118.40	225.00	106.60
Total Expense	$15,513.58	$16,129.00	$615.42
Direct Appropriation—1955 Triennial	250.00	250.00	.....
Supplementary Appropriation — Proceedings	127.50	145.00	17.50
	$15,891.08	$16,524.00	$632.92
Net Income	$ 517.37	$ *289.94*	$807.31

Triennial Conclave Reserve Account
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1955

Balance — September 1, 1954 (as per last report)		$2,839.86
Add — Appropriations for 1955 triennial	$750.00	
Interest on Savings Account	106.78	856.78

		$3,696.64
Deduct — Amount withdrawn for 1955 triennial		3,651.75
Balance — August 31, 1955		$ 44.89
Represented by:		
Deposit in South Boston Savings Bank — Book No. 189482		$ 44.89

Educational Foundation Reserve Account
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1955

Balance — September 1, 1954 (as per last report)		$10,814.00
Transferred to Educational Foundation:		
U.S. Government Bond (matured) Series G — Due April 1, 1955 No. 6604 (Registered)	$5,000.00	
Deposit — Boston Penny Savings Bank, Book No. 205959	5,814.00	10,814.00
Balance — August 31, 1955		None

Carrie E. Seitz Fund

Balance — September 1, 1954 — Principal	$4,536.13	
Interest	152.95	
	$	
Total of Fund		$4,679.08
Add — Interest on Savings Account		159.24
Balance — August 31, 1955 — Principal	$4,536.13	
Interest	302.19	
Total of Fund		$4,838.32
Represented by:		
Deposit in South Weymouth Savings Bank — Book No. 22847.		$4,838.32

General Fund

Balance Sheet as at August 31, 1955

Assets

Cash — General Account:		
First National Bank of Boston	$16,753.80	
South Weymouth Savings Bank — Book No. 19542	500.00	$17,253.80
Special Account:		
Weymouth Savings Bank — Book No. 44989		1,314.36
Petty Cash		25.00
Accounts Receivable		584.39
Furniture and Fixtures		937.61
Past Grand Commanders' Jewels		100.00
Inventories — Diplomas	$118.00	

Office Supplies	337.96	
Thomas Smith Webb Medals	41.90	
Past Grand Warder's Jewel	28.08	
Past Grand Commanders' Buttons	18.60	544.54
Total Assets		$20,759.70

LIABILITIES AND NET WIRTH

Withholding Tax	$ 42.60	
Social Security and Unemployment Taxes	49.12	
Accrued Expense	412.50	
St. George Commandery Reserve	1,314.36	
Total Liabilities		$1,818.58
Net Worth — September 1, 1954	$18,423.75	
Add — Excess of Income (Exhibit "C")	517.37	
Net Worth — August 31, 1955		18,941.12
Total Liabilities and Net Worth		$20,759.70
Conclave Account — Wildey Savings Bank, Book No. 191833		$2,901.54

October 29, 1955

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

The Funds of St. George Commandery No. 44, Beverly, Massachusetts, are located in the Weymouth Savings Bank, Weymouth, Massachusetts, Book No. 44989 on interest.

Receipts (on hand) October 30, 1954	$1,275.82
Interest	38.54
Balance on Hand October 29, 1955	$1,314.36

Courteously yours,

A. KENNETH MARTIN,
Grand Treasurer

September 16, 1955

GENERAL FUND

AUDITOR'S REPORT AND CERTIFICATE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1955

I have examined the books and records of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1955 and present the various summaries of cash transactions, the comparative income

and expense statement for the fiscal year, and the general fund balance sheet as at August 31, 1955.

Exhibit "A" — Grand Recorder's Cash Summary
Exhibit "B" — Grand Treasurer's Cash Summary
Exhibit "C" — Comparative Income and Expense Statement
Exhibit "D" — Triennial Conclave Reserve
Exhibit "E" — Educational Foundation Reserve
Exhibit "F" — Carrie E. Seitz Fund
Exhibit "G" — General Fund Balance Sheet as at August 31, 1955

In Exhibit "C", the direct appropriation for the 1955 triennial and the supplementary appropriation for the 1954 proceedings have been added to the original budget and presented in comparative form with the actual items of income and expense.

The actual income for the year was $174.39 more than the budgeted income, while the actual expense was $632.92 less than the budgeted expense plus the direct and supplementary appropriations. For the year, the actual income exceeded the actual expense by $517.37. The net worth at the start of the fiscal year has been increased by this amount.

During the examination, cancelled checks and approved vouchers for disbursements were presented and examined. Cash balances were reconciled with the bank statements and confirmed by the various depositaries. Amounts due on various Commandery returns were compared with actual receipts which in turn were checked to the Grand Treasurer's bank account. The statistical data on the returns was checked to the Grand Recorder's summary.

The petty cash fund was verified by count. The unpaid accounts receivable are shown in the balance sheet.

The savings bank books and other contents of the safe deposit box were checked in the presence of George A. Weeks, Grand Recorder, and A. Kenneth Martin, Grand Treasurer.

Two files, for which a direct Capital appropriation was made, have been purchased and added to the Furniture and Fixtures account. This was not a Budget item.

The amount appropriated by Grand Commandery for the conclaves of the current year was transferred from the General Fund to a savings bank account, No. 191833, at the Wildey Savings Bank. The balance of this account at the balance sheet date is shown as a footnote on Exhibit "G".

Various inventories and liabilities for accrued taxes have been adjusted as of August 31, 1955.

I hereby certify that the appended exhibits, in my opinion, fairly present the financial transactions of the Grand Recorder

and the Grand Treasurer, relating to the General Fund for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1955 and the state of the fund as at that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HURLBUT L. PLUMMER,
Certified Public Accountant

Upon Motion duly made and seconded it was Voted to accept the Reports of the Grand Treasurer and Auditor and these reports be printed in the Proceedings.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will now have the Report of the Trustees of the Grand Fund.

October 29, 1955

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND FUND

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

The Trustees of the Grand Fund present herewith the report for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1955 in the appended exhibits:

Exhibit A—Income and Expenses Statement for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1955.

Exhibit B—Balance Sheet of August 31, 1955.

Exhibit C—Schedule of Bonds, Stocks and Savings Bank Deposits of August 31, 1955.

The accounts have been audited and the securities examined by Em. Sir Hurlbut L. Plummer, Certified Public Accountant.

Courteously submitted,

Trustees of the Grand Fund
HAROLD S. CROCKER, *Chairman*
JOHN E. RINES
ARCHIBALD T. MEIKLE

GRAND FUND

INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1955

INCOME:		
Interest on Bonds — As per Exhibit "C"	$ 861.50	
Dividends — Other Securities—Exhibit "C"	2,695.23	
Interest on Savings Bank Deposits — Exhibit "C"	303.52	
Total Income for Year		$3,860.25

EXPENSE:		
Rental of Safe Deposit Box	$13.20	
Audit Fee	40.00	
Total Expense for Year		53.20
Net Income for Year		$3,807.05

GRAND FUND

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT AUGUST 31, 1955
PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

ASSETS		
Deposits in Mass. Savings Banks (Exhibit "C")	$ 9,975.23	
Bonds at Book Value (Exhibit "C")	26,100.00	
Bank and Other Securities (Exhibit "C")	48,936.31	
Total Assets		$85,011.54
September 1, 1954—Balance of Principal Account	$81,204.49	
Add — Grand Fund Income 1954–1955	3,807.05	
August 31, 1955 — Balance of Principal Account		$85,011.54

GRAND FUND

SCHEDULE OF BONDS, STOCKS AND SAVINGS DEPOSITS
AS AT AUGUST 31, 1955

Par	*Bonds*	*Book Value*	*Income for Year*
$7,000	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. 4% 10/1/95	$7,000.00	$280.00
4,000	Boston & Maine R.R. Income "A" 4½% 1970	4,000.00	180.00
1,600	Boston & Maine R.R. 1st Mtg. 4% 1960	1,600.00	64.00
7,500	U.S. Savings Bonds, Ser. "G" 2½% Aug. '60	7,500.00	187.50
6,000	U.S. Savings Bonds, Ser. "G" 2½% Jan. '57	6,000.00	150.00
		$26,100.00	$861.50

Shares	*Stocks*		
125	Chase Manhattan National Bank	$ 3,500.00	$ 262.50
110	Chemical Corn Exchange National Bank	3,500.00	220.00
108	First National Bank of Boston	3,878.94	286.20
50	United Fruit Company	2,875.09	150.00
50	Sterling Drug Company	2,005.73	117.50
35	American Tobacco Company	2,144.59	154.00
	Boston Federal Savings & Loan (Sold)	.....	45.00
70	Pacific Lighting Corp.	1,808.83	140.00
25	F. W. Woolworth Corp.	1,084.86	62.50

55	Union Oil Co. of California	1,843.30	132.00
303	Massachusetts Investors Trust	5,868.00	409.05
100	Peoples First National Bank & Trust of Pittsburg	4,550.00	225.00
111	Pennsylvania Co. Bank & Trust	4,717.36	222.95
100	Household Finance Company	3,005.23	90.00
53	General Motors Corp.	4,847.19	103.00
30	Standard Oil Co. of N. J.	3,307.19	75.53
		$48,936.31	$ 2,695.23

Savings Banks		
Salem Savings Bank Book No. 62890	$1,000.00	$ 30.00
Home Savings Bank Book No. G405308	1,045.98	31.34
Wildey Savings Bank Book No. 189493	.....	23.11
Wildey Savings Bank Book No. 190689	7,929.25	219.07
	$ 9,975.23	$ 303.52

September 9, 1955

GRAND FUND

AUDITOR'S REPORT AND CERTIFICATE

For the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1955

I have examined the books and records of the Grand Fund of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1955. This data is summarized in the following exhibits:

Exhibit "A"—Income and Expense Statement for the year ended August 31, 1955.

Exhibit "B"—Balance Sheet as at August 31, 1955.

Exhibit "C"—Schedule of Bonds, Stocks and Savings Bank Deposits as at August 31, 1955.

The various securities and savings bank books were seen and examined at the safe deposit vault of the National Shawmut Bank in the presence of Archibald T. Meikle, Trustee, and A. Kenneth Martin, Grand Treasurer, and were found to be in accordance with the schedule shown in Exhibit "C". Confirmations from the various depositaries have been received.

The Principal account has been adjusted to reflect the addition of the net income from the Grand Fund which was received during the year. The net income for the year was $3,807.05, an increase of $462.70 over the previous year. Detailed items of income are also shown in Exhibit "C".

I certify that the appended exhibits, in my opinion, fairly present the transactions of the Trustees during the year ended August 31, 1955, and the state of the Fund as of that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HURLBUT L. PLUMMER,
Certified Public Accountant

R∴E∴Sir George A. Weeks: R∴E∴Grand Commander, I move you, Sir, that the report of the Trustees of the Grand Fund be accepted and printed in the proceedings. (Motion seconded)

The Grand Commander: You have all heard the motion that the report of the Trustees of the Grand Fund be accepted. All in favor signify by raising the sword arm. Opposed, the bridle arm. So ordered. Thank you.

I would like to ask R∴E∴Sir Harold Sprague to escort our M∴W∴Grand Master from the room as he has to leave at this time. Sir Knight Captain of the Guard, form an escort.

(The escort was formed and the Grand Master of Rhode Island was escorted from the Asylum.)

The Grand Commander: May I at this time thank you, Sir Knight Captain of the Guard and your Escort from your Commandery.

Now, I would like to present M∴E∴Sir Walter A. DeLamater, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America.

M∴E∴Walter A. DeLamater: R∴E∴Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Master of Massachusetts, Illustrious Deputies of the Scottish Rite of both Rhode Island and Massachusetts, distinguished guests and Sir Knights.

It is, of course, a great privilege and honor to be here this morning in this Annual Conclave of this great and old Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. I want to congratulate you, Sir, in the first place, on reaching your 150th anniversary because, as I said last night, here in Rhode Island and Massachusetts is the cradle, you might say, of the building and founding of this great country as well as Masonry. It is not only a historic interest but most impressive when you stop and realize the background of all that has taken place up in this country over the years.

I bring you the greetings, of course, of the Knights Templars of the United States. I think the time has now arrived when we must frankly face the issues as they exist. In many respects Templary and some of the other Masonic Bodies might be termed

at the crossroads. The time has come when they must be revitalized, especially this great Order of ours. The only way to do it is to pitch in and accomplish it. Everybody knows that you can accomplish any objective you want. Those of you who have been in military service know you can take any objective if you have the manpower, and interest, and material to do it. If you will spend the time and sacrifice you can make any objective that you want. It resolves itself into work and more work but so many are prone not to do any more than they can help.

We want to increase this Christian Order. We haven't made the progress we should over the years. In the past year we have shown 24,648 in the Grand Encampment. Of course, that is a gain but nothing when you consider the great territory of ours. Here is the sad part: in the last year 9,122 demits and 13,421 suspensions; 23,370 deaths and that we can not control. We can control a lot of these demits and suspensions if we try to do it. Somebody suggested that we ought to have a special committee in every Grand Commandery and each constituent Commandery. We have got to try to minimize our losses as much as possible and hold them down. We are having too many demits and suspensions.

A lot of times our Recorders and Secretaries — and I think I have had some experience in this respect because I was the chairman in New York and on the committee for fifteen years — some make a great contribution to our Masonic Bodies and a lot of them retard its progress because they don't want to do any more than they have to. Their reports and proceedings are distributed and they haven't got the time and it is too much trouble. I think if you talked to some of these Secretaries and Recorders — in the Commanderies it is Recorders — maybe they would take a little more interest. They can do so much to help our Order. In many instances they have retarded it.

Templary must move forward. We must revitalize it. We have plenty of time to think of ourselves. We have time for this and that but we have so little time for the finer and better things of life. We are so afraid, and don't want to, because it takes a little effort. It takes a little effort to come out to your Commandery and work on a committee but you have time and effort to have a good time. Then you want to send for the Minister, and everybody else, and square everything, and in the meantime you haven't contributed anything worthwhile. The time has come when we must make a little sacrifice. If Christ could give his life for us we can give a little time for His work. When you get down to the Order of Knights Templar and realize that the whole thing is built around Christ and His work, are we going to let any part of His work go down and drag on or are we going to try to have a part in building it up and everything that He is connected with? The Church, or whatever it is, has got to be built up.

In this world of chaos and everything else there never was a time like right now when the Christian Order was needed. I know the Scottish Rite and the other Masonic Bodies will help. We want to do everything we can to attract members. We have organized a committee on promoting specialized activities. We had a session of that committee for over eight hours in New York. We also have a committee on public relations. Your Grand Recorder is chairman of that committee. We want to get down and reach the Sir Knights. It is all right to talk to a lot of so-called brass hats and Grand Commanderies but a lot of times they go away and that is the end of it. We have got to reach down into the ranks. It is the man on the sidelines, and the private, and the so-called Baldric man who is going to go over the top when we are ready to jump off. We haven't given enough thought to the fellow on the sidelines. We haven't realized the important part he plays in this. We have got to work together.

In this committee on progress the Sovereign Grand Commanders of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions agreed to go on a panel to kind of work together. Masonry can be a tremendous factor if we work along together. Just like the troops on the right, and some on the left, and in the center, they all have a part of the major objective. So it is with our Masonic Bodies.

Of course you know we have had the Educational Foundation for over thirty years. In some Jurisdictions they have made a real effort, yours is one, but we haven't accomplished the returns we should have over the years. Regardless of what it has done it is not a charity. It has been a service and a financial proposition. At this Triennial Conclave in New York we established for the first time on a national basis a one hundred percent charity project and that is the Knights Templars Foundation for those suffering from injuries and diseases of the eyes, endeavoring to prevent blindness, regardless of race, creed and color, and not able to pay. For the first time we are trying to do something for humanity. They passed an assessment for each member of one dollar a year.

Now we all know and realize that there is a little kicking and not liking to be assessed. Unless you have a definite program you are not going to get anywhere if you trust that everybody mail a contribution. You can't tell me that there is any man who has ever taken the vows of Masonry who is not willing to pay two cents a week.

Even one of your own Past Grand Commanders, John Rines, has suffered here with his eyes for some time. As a matter of fact, when I decided to have some definite charity, it was a good deal on John's account that I decided on this.

You can't tell me that, if properly presented to your various Commanderies, they won't enthusiastically respond. Wherever

it has been properly presented it has. Of course, you can do it in such a way that it won't be received with good grace. Any Catholic or Jewish philanthropy would be glad to give. As a matter of fact, we have opened an account. One fellow, not a Commandery man, gave $100; another, $25; and so forth. A fellow in New York told me he had changed his will to leave something to the project. A man told me in Detroit that when we get it organized he would leave us something.

By the way Gardiner Wilson, Bob Smith, General Counsel for the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, who has had a great deal of experience on charity foundations, is going to get up the charter and by-laws for us to operate under.

I feel that in three years we can come before the Grand Encampment and say that we have a program for real accomplishment for serving people. For the first time it is in keeping with our Christian Order because if there is ever any Masonic Body who should have a charity project it is the Knights Templars. You talk of binding up the wounds in Jerusalem. We are going to do something for humanity. Aren't we following Christ's teachings? And that is the great thing of being a member of this Order.

Now, we are going to try to get at the rate of fifteen cents a member, that is close to $60,000, and furnish a room in the George Washington Memorial and a Chapel. They haven't a Chapel and it would be a fine place for people to go and meditate in prayer. The architects are working on it. The Saturday before Easter, when we have the Sunrise Service, we hope to dedicate that.

You have to have a definite time to do things and accomplish things. We are just fussing along and procrastinating on the things we should be doing. I don't see how anyone, when they are passing away on their sick bed, can look back and say, "What did I do that was worthwhile and accomplish?" There are so many who just want to pass through and have the honors and be a past this and a past that. They come to a meeting and have no program and nothing set. They have just frittered away half the time before they have started anything. We have our Conclaves and meetings and don't start on time, and drag along, and then give them a lot of poor Ritual work, and they go away discouraged. They tell me that 95 percent of those in Masonic Bodies never come back after they have received the Degrees or Orders; because you haven't sold them and that is the time to impress them. That Ritualistic work, from the Blue Lodge up, should start on time and move along with no hemming and hawing. If you have some officers who are not capable of doing the work get a cast from the sidelines to do the work. The most important thing is to present the work in an impressive way. That is how I got interested in Masonry. They did such a fine job in

impressing me that I wanted to learn more about it. I think that applies to the average man.

We are living in a fast moving world and we have to do a lot of things differently than we did before. We have to modernize our methods and thinking. Men have a lot of things to do and haven't the time to waste a lot of time. When they come around to a meeting they are not coming around just to come. You are not fooling them on the sidelines for one minute. There are a lot of presiding officers who think they are putting it over. The man on the sidelines has no responsibility but he is sizing you up and he knows what you are doing. He goes out the door and you haven't fooled him one bit. He is the man you have to cater to because he is the man who puts it across.

Now, of course, if we do finished work we are bound to bring out a greater attendance. We have to get more people interested. You have to make some sacrifice. The trouble is that there are so many who don't want to give it the time. I have had a remarkable experience, that so many of you have heard about, back when all kinds of doctors said I couldn't live and I was unconscious for two months. They were making arrangements for the funeral. Later on, when they found I would live, they said that I would be in a wheel chair. When all the doctors gave me up who saved me? God; and why? It is the same with you. You have been close to death and saved, and said what for? To have a good time and enjoy yourself for the rest of your life? I don't believe it. I believe God has saved us for some particular purpose and what a joy it is to be a part of something worthwhile.

It is the same at Christmas. When you take the trouble to select a present to give, you feel better for having done it; and it is the same in rendering service. I want you to go away from here not for me or for the Grand Encampment; anything we do here isn't for the Grand Encampment, it is for humanity and God's work. I would like to feel that you will go away from here today and resolve to give it a little more interest, not because it is the Commandery and you belong to just another organization but because you are doing it for Christ.

All the things and problems that have happened over the years; in the Cross of Christ I glory towering over the wreck of time. No matter what we have had — floods, or wars, or anything else at all — still the Cross of God is towering over all. We have to raise it high.

It is just like the uniforms. If you put it up to them they will buy. Sure, they are not comfortable. I have worn a uniform all my life and not because it was comfortable but because of what it stood for. We have to do something like that.

We are going to try to have a big program on our public relations and let the people know. We have been so prone to have

things behind closed doors. Our own Sir Knights don't know half the time what is going on. We send them a notice and when they are a little behind in the dues we suspend them and that is supposed to be fine. There is nothing Masonic in the action at all. We have ignored a lot of our Masonic obligations. You want to get a lot of Sir Knights out in support. You ought to be proud of the organization. Those of you who were in New York remember the impression that big parade made on the people and public. True, it wasn't comfortable for a little while. We don't want to do something that makes us uncomfortable for awhile.

Sir Knights, it is a great privilege to be here with you today, and in this fine Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and realize all that has been done in these New England States to build America. America wouldn't be what it is today it it weren't for the background of you people up here.

I am going to give Knight Templary everything I have got. I am going to be on the firing line if it takes the last drop of blood and costs me my life because if my Saviour can give His life for me I can do the same for the organization. If you have the fortitude you can do it; put the shoulder to the wheel and make this Great Christian Order move forward. So the battle cry, Sir Knights, is "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you, Walter.

During the Conclave, The Eminent Grand Commander Sir Knight Kenneth H. Earle called upon:

Ill. Norris G. Abbott, 33° Active Member of the Supreme Council and Deputy for Rhode Island for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rites Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U.S.A.

Ill. Claude L. Allen, 33° Active Member of the Supreme Council and Deputy for Massachusetts for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rites Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the U.S.A.

M∴Ill Albert W. Claflin, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Rhode Island.

M∴Ill. Eugene B. Hamilton, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts

M∴Ex. Robert C. Lawton, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island.

Em. Sir George B. Barclay, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York, representing the Grand Commander of New York, who spoke for the presiding Grand Commanders that were present.

Ill. Herman C. McStay, Potentate of Aleppo Temple A.A.O.N.M.S.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1955–1956

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T.:

Sir Knights:

We submit the following Budget for this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for 1955–1956.

Grand Encampment Dues	$2,283.00
Conclaves 1956	2,500.00
Proceedings 1955	1,200.00
Printing and Postage	1,200.00
Rent	1,285.00***
Inspections	800.00
Promotional Activities	300.00
Group Meetings	300.00
Bond & Insurance	300.00
Salary — Grand Recorder	1,898.00
Salary — Grand Treasurer	500.00
Salary — Clerk	1,612.00
Grand Commander's Jewel	50.00
Grand Commander's Fund	500.00
Triennial Conclave 1958	250.00
Auditor	150.00
Office Supplies	150.00
Telephone	200.00
Miscellaneous and Contingent	550.00
S.S. and Unemployment	260.00
	$16,828.00

***Increase in Rent for 1955–1956 — $125.00.

ANTICIPATED INCOME

Per Capita Dues 14,723 members at 85½c	$12,588.17
Candidate Fees 725 at $5.00	3,625.00
Miscellaneous Income	650.00
	$16,863.17

Respectfully submitted,

LEON L. ALLEN, *Chairman*
HOWARD A. GRAY
ARTHUR R. DORWARD

October 29, 1955

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BUDGET FOR 1956

To the Officers and Members of Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

We submit the following Budget for the Educational Foundation for 1956:

Printing, Postage and Supplies	$100.00
Salary — Secretary	1,794.00

Salary — Clerk	1,924.00
Salary — Treasurer	300.00
Rent	700.00
Telephone	162.00
Audit	270.00
Trustees Expenses	75.00
Miscellaneous and Contingent	100.00
Bond and Insurance	200.00
Retail Credit Reports	175.00
Social Security	65.00
	5,865.00

Respectfully submitted,

LEON L. ALLEN, *Chairman*
HOWARD A. GRAY
ARTHUR R. DORWARD

NOTE: The above Budget is subject to the approval of the Grand Encampment Educational Foundation Committee.

The Reports of the Finance Committee were read by Em. Sir Leon L. Allen, Chairman.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted to accept the Report of the Finance Committee and the Budget be adopted.

October 17, 1955

GEORGE A. WEEKS, *Grand Recorder*
The Grand Commandery of Knights Templars
205 Masonic Temple
Boston 16, Massachusetts.

Eminent and Dear Sir:

The following amendments to By-Laws of Constituent Commanderies have been approved by the Grand Commandery during the recess of Grand Commandery and is now subject to review by the Grand Commandery:

1. Proposed amendments to By-Laws of DeMolay Commandery, No. 7, K.T., amending Section 4, Article IX and substituting a new Section 4, Article IX, copy of which is hereto annexed. The above amendments have been approved by your committee.

Courteously submitted,

LOUIS L. GREEN, *Chairman,*
Jurisprudence Committee

DEMOLAY COMMANDERY, NO. 7, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
Boston, Massachusetts

Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws of the Commandery, printed in conformity with Article XIV, Section 1, of the By-Laws

of DeMolay Commandery, No. 7.

The By-Laws of DeMolay Commandery, Number Seven, Knights Templar, shall be amended by striking out Section 4, Article IX, and substituting a new Section 4, Article IX, as follows:

"Section 4. All funds of this Commandery shall be invested or reinvested by the Board of Trustees in Massachusetts savings banks or cooperative banks, or in such bonds, stocks or other securities as are suitable for investment by Trustees in Massachusetts, except that the maximum investment in common stocks taken at cost shall not exceed 55% of all invested funds of this Commandery, also taken at cost."

"Section 4. (TO BE DELETED) All funds of this Commandery shall be invested by the Board of Trustees in Massachusetts cooperative banks, savings banks or in such securities only as are legal for savings banks in the State of Massachusetts."

The proposed Section 4, Article IX has the unanimous indorsement of the Trustees of DeMolay commandery, No 7, K.T.

EM. SIR ROY E. WRIGHT,
Commander

EM. SIR CHESTER G. PARSONS,
Recorder

Boston, Massachusetts
March 24, 1955

Approved: LOUIS L. GREEN,
Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee
Date: JUNE 24, 1955

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted to accept the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee and print same in the Proceedings.

October 29, 1955

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Members of Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Greetings:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations reports that no business requiring its attention has been presented for its consideration.

Courteously

HAROLD S. CROCKER
FRANK H. WILSON

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRINTING

October 29, 1955

To the Officers and Members of Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

The records show that the cost of printing of the Proceedings of this Grand Commandery for 1954 amounted to $1,327.50 or $127.50 above the Budget figure of $1,200.00 even after eliminating the printing of 22 pages of the Credential List which is found in the back of the book.

Your Committee finds that if we can limit our Proceedings to 325 copies of 136 pages each — keeping the same quality of stock and workmanship as in the past, we can have them printed at a cost of $1,145.00 (this price does not include the author's corrections, mailing envelopes or postage which amounts to 8¢ per copy).

This year, as in the past, we asked for Bids — the Bids submitted were as follows:

Shirley Printing Company	$1,350.00
Fidelity Press	1,190.00
Catalog Printing Company	1,145.00

The Catalog Printing Company has printed our Proceedings for the past two years, and their work has proved most satisfactory. The Budget report, as submitted by our Finance Committee, was based upon the figures submitted by the Catalog Printing Company.

Your Committee will make every effort to keep the cost of printing of the 1955 Proceedings to a minimum for the quality of paper and workmanship involved.

Courteously yours,

KENNETH H. EARLE, *Chairman*

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted to accept the above report, and same be printed in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INSPECTIONS AND TACTICS

October 29, 1955

To the Officers and Members of Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

Your Committee reports that no action was taken during 1954–1955.

Courteously submitted,

KENNETH H. EARLE, *Chairman*

REPORT OF INSPECTOR INSTRUCTOR

October 29, 1955

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

This past year 28 of our Commanderies were given the top mark of 10 minus; 16 a 9 plus; 5 in the 9 class and one an 8 plus.

The three highest marks were awarded as follows: Calvary had 996 points; Gethsemane and Reading tied with 995 and St. John had 992 points.

The Commanderies with the exception of 14 have retained the same marks as last year. Nine have bettered themselves and five went lower.

Only five Commanderies lost in their attendance, 2 to 8 points. Six Commanderies gained in attendance over last year while four lost.

One Commander made no errors while 26 lost 1 to 9 points; 16 lost 10 to 18 and the remaining 7 had a loss of 24 to 98 points.

The Masters of Ceremonies in 19 Commanderies lost 1 to 6 points each. The Captain of the Guard in 33 Commanderies lost 1 to 21 points; however, I will say that 21 is an exception as the nearest one to that is 9 points. There were no errors against 18 Generalissimos; 10 Captain Generals; 15 Senior Wardens; 11 Junior Wardens; 36 Prelates and 30 Warders.

The Second Division had the least number of points, which was 140 and the total loss for the seven Divisions was 1,786, an average of 255 points per Division or 35.7 points per Commandery.

Courteously submitted,

CLYDE L. CARTER,
Inspector Instructor

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEW MEMBERSHIP AND PUBLICITY

For the Year Ending June 30, 1955

Providence, R. I., October 29, 1955

Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights:

We had a net gain of 151 members or 1.04%. Last year it was .8% and the year before it was 1.3%. The grand total membership is now 14,723.

In the U.S.A. 54.6% of the Chapter members belong to the Commanderies. In Massachusetts and Rhode Island, 49.2% belong to the Commanderies, a break down of this figure in our jurisdiction gives Massachusetts 49.5% and Rhode Island 47.5%.

GROSS ADDITIONS AND GROSS LOSSES — FIVE YEAR RECORD

	1955	*1954*	*1953*	*1952*	*1951*
Knightings	710	676	707	880	712
Affiliations	30	22	33	45	23
Reinstatements	18	24	23	32	26
Errors	1	....	....	1	....
Gross Additions	759	722	763	959	761
Demits	101	109	105	117	105
Suspensions	66	78	54	75	58
Deaths	440	408	406	451	374
Errors	1	12	13	....	12
Gross Losses	608	607	578	643	549
Net Gains	151	115	185	316	212
Percentage	1.04%	.8%	1.3%	2.3%	1.5%

PETITIONS

Our quota was 1,000 petitions. We reached 76% of our objective. Last year it was 80%, and the year before 70%.

In Exhibit No. 1 we are showing a comparative record of the percentage to quota for each Commandery for the past 3 years. This year Cyprus No. 39 was the highest with 313%; Worcester County No. 5 was next with 145%, and Winslow Lewis No. 18 third with 142%.

In Exhibit No. 2 we show a similar 3 year record for total petitions. This year DeMolay No. 7 was the highest with 65 petitions, Boston No. 2 was next with 59 and Worcester County No. 5 third with 51 petitions.

In Exhibit No. 3 we show the 3 year record of % to membership. This year Cyprus No. 39 leads with 21.6%, DeMolay No. 7 is next with 9.2% and Godfrey de Bouillon No. 25 third with 9.1%.

The % relationship of petitions to membership is 5.0%, compared with 5.5% for each of the past 2 years. The ratio of % net gain to % petitions to membership is about 1 in 5, which means we made a net gain of one new member for every five petitions balloted upon. Last year the ratio was 1 in 7, and the year before it was 1 in 4.

NET GAINS AND NET LOSSES

DeMolay No. 7 had the highest net gain of 45; Worcester County No. 5 was second with 21, and Cyprus No. 39 third with 20. A breakdown between our two states for a 5 year period follows:

	Total Net Gains	*Massachusetts*	*Rhode Island*
1955	151	+170	—19
1954	115	+113	+2
1953	185	+152	+33
1952	316	+269	+47
1951	212	+167	+45

Cyprus No. 39 had the highest % net gain of 17.2%, Natick No. 33 was second with 6.7% and DeMolay No. 7 and Woonsocket No. 24 tied for third place with 6.4% each.

28 Commanderies showed net gains:
(+268) Mass. 25 (+244) R.I. 3 (+24)

20 Commanderies showed net losses:
(—117) Mass. 16 (—74) R.I. 4 (—43)

2 Commanderies showed no change:
Mass 2

Boston Commandery continues as our largest Commandery; DeMolay moved up into second place; Worcester County is 3rd largest.

In Exhibit No. 4 we show for each Commandery the % net gain or % net loss with the relationship to its % petitions to membership. There should be a common relationship between these two.

DEMITS AND SUSPENSIONS

We lost 24% of our total knightings to demits and suspensions. Last year we lost 28% and the year before 22%. 24% is our general average for the past 5 years.

AFFILIATIONS AND REINSTATEMENTS

We restored 28% of the total number demitted and suspended. Last year we restored 25% and the year before 35%. 32% is our general average for the past 5 years.

Your committee repeats a former recommendation which was adopted by this Grand Commandery but never put into effect, namely that a Special Committee on Demits and Suspensions be appointed by the Grand Commander to study the matter of membership losses. This committee to develop a pattern and conform perhaps with patterns developed by other Masonic bodies. This study should draw definite conclusions on which to base specific recommendations for corrective results.

In the matter of publicity *The Templar* publication was issued monthly and distributed to Council Officers and Recorders and Grand Commandery Officers, it contained statistical information as to petitions balloted upon and accumulative results up to date for every Commandery, also showing the relationship to their quotas.

If our Grand Commandery is to maintain and increase its prestige we must have more manpower. Manpower used in this instance means more members. Increased membership is the responsibility of each and every Sir Knight as individual members of their respective commanderies.

Courteously submitted,

FRANK H. WILSON, *Chairman*
For the Committee

GRAND COMMANDERY STATISTICS — THREE YEARS

	Total Petitions			*% to Quota*		
	1955	*1954*	*1953*	*1955*	*1954*	*1953*
St. John's	8	23	20	17	40	31
Boston	59	72	67	79	69	61
Newburyport	16	23	7	94	144	48
Washington	2	5	2	25	72	33
Worcester County	51	23	20	145	66	67
Springfield	23	17	26	68	61	87
DeMolay	65	69	37	313	100	50
Holy Sepulchre,	17	7	22	66	30	122
Pilgrim	12	4	7	55	18	35
Palestine	6	20	3	40	222	30
Milford	6	12	4	60	172	67
St. Bernard	3	7	7	50	100	117
Calvary	17	32	35	39	100	89
Haverhill	14	43	33	58	154	165
Old Colony	5	11	9	45	85	60
Sutton	27	21	20	85	53	45
Bethany	4	9	4	40	129	40
Winslow Lewis	17	7	10	142	70	83
Jerusalem	19	25	14	106	139	56
Hugh de Payens	30	55	69	83	117	115
St. Omer	16	3	25	73	16	125
Berkshire	8	9	9	57	69	60
Connecticut Valley	4	22	5	40	244	42
Woonsocket	9	11	21	90	50	60
Godfrey de Bouillon	10	4	12	125	33	120
Joseph Warren	14	10	8	117	125	160
Narragansett	14	12	14	117	86	117
Bristol	16	12	8	100	100	40
Northampton	6	5	10	75	63	167
South Shore	10	4	12	111	40	100
Trinity	4	8	15	29	45	100
Natick	9	23	5	50	256	50
Coeur de Lion	9	7	28	41	25	112
Gethsemane	26	25	32	87	53	49
Olivet	14	29	25	50	116	125
Athol	6	1	2	67	14	40
Bay State	8	9	7	29	53	28
Cyprus	25	8	6	311	100	50
St. Paul	8	6	7	100	50	70
Beauseant	16	14	17	73	82	95
Cambridge	2	8	9	20	160	150
Bethlehem	4	6	10	40	67	125
Orange	0	0	3	0	9	60
Ivanhoe	18	7	28	113	28	112
Quincy	24	7	19	120	50	158
Temple	12	21	10	100	123	36
St. Andrew	7	8	4	88	80	27
Reading	15	15	8	83	79	32
Thomas Smith Webb	3	13	3	27	163	30
Sir Galahad	8	8	3	67	114	38
	726	800	777	76	80	70

GRAND COMMANDERY STATISTICS

	% to Membership 1955	1954	1953	Petitions to Members	Net Gain	Net Loss
St. John's	1.1	3.3	2.9	1.1	....	—2.5
Boston	4.9	6.0	5.8	4.9	+.8	....
Newburyport	6.0	9.0	2.8	6.0	+1.5	....
Washington	1.7	4.1	1.6	1.7	....	—4.1
Worcester County	7.2	3.3	2.8	7.2	+3.0	....
Springfield	4.4	3.2	4.9	4.4	+1.5	....
DeMolay	9.2	10.0	5.5	9.2	+6.4	....
Holy Sepulchre	4.5	1.8	5.9	4.5	+1.1	....
Pilgrim	3.7	1.2	2.0	3.7	....	—2.5
Palestine	2.9	9.8	1.5	2.9	....	—1.9
Milford	3.7	7.6	2.5	3.7	....	—1.2
St. Bernard	3.1	7.6	8.1	3.1	....	—1.0
Calvary	2.5	4.8	4.6	2.5	....	—2.8
Haverhill	3.7	12.1	9.9	3.7	+.5	....
Old Colony	2.7	6.5	5.4	2.7	....	—.5
Sutton	5.8	4.5	4.3	5.8	+4.1	....
Bethany	2.6	5.8	2.5	2.6	....	—3.3
Winslow Lewis	9.0	3.7	5.2	9.0	+3.2	....
Jerusalem	7.2	9.8	5.7	7.2	+3.8	....
Hugh de Payens	5.2	10.3	13.7	5.2	+2.4	....
St. Omer	5.2	.9	7.7	5.2	+2.6	....
Berkshire	3.5	4.0	4.0	3.5	....	—2.2
Connecticut Valley	2.5	15.1	3.4	2.5	....	—1.9
Woonsocket	5.8	7.4	15.3	5.8	+6.4	....
Godfrey de Bouillon	9.1	3.5	11.6	9.1	+.9	....
Joseph Warren	7.6	5.5	4.1	7.6	....	—2.7
Narragansett	7.6	6.5	8.1	7.6	+5.4	....
Bristol	6.5	5.1	3.4	6.5	+2.9	....
Northampton	5.4	4.6	8.8	5.4	....	....
South Shore	7.2	3.0	13.2	7.2	+2.9	....
Trinity	2.0	4.0	7.9	2.0	....	—4.6
Natick	6.0	17.8	3.8	6.0	+6.7	....
Coeur de Lion	2.7	2.1	8.7	2.7	....	—.9
Gethsemane	5.9	5.6	5.9	5.9	+4.1	....
Olivet	3.3	6.9	6.1	3.3	....	....
Athol	5.0	.8	1.6	5.0	+2.5	....
Bay State	2.0	2.2	1.7	2.0	....	—2.3
Cyprus	21.6	7.2	5.0	21.6	+17.2	....
St. Paul	6.8	5.1	6.2	6.8	+.9	....
Beauseant	5.1	4.4	5.4	5.1	+1.0	....
Cambridge	1.2	5.2	6.0	1.2	....	—6.2
Bethlehem	2.6	4.0	6.7	2.6	....	—3.3
Orange	.0	.0	4.3	0	....	—4.3
Ivanhoe	7.8	3.0	13.2	7.8	+5.2	....
Quincy	8.2	2.3	6.2	8.2	+1.4	....
Temple	6.4	11.6	5.8	6.4	+3.2	....
St. Andrew	5.4	6.5	3.2	5.4	....	—.8
Reading	5.5	5.7	3.0	5.5	+2.6	....
Thomas Smith Webb	1.8	7.9	1.8	1.8	....	—.6
Sir Galahad	4.5	4.4	1.5	4.5	+.6	....
Total	5.0	5.5	5.5	5.0	....	+1.04%

YORK RITE COMMITTEE OF MASSACHUSETTS

September 30, 1955

RECEIPTS:

Grand Commandery	$200.00	
Grand Chapter	200.00	
Grand Council	50.00	
11 Comprehensive Petitions	975.00	
Miscellaneous Cash received	64.07	
		$1,489.07

EXPENDITURES:

Printing application blanks, folders, 1,000 3c stamped envelopes	$442.50	
Petitions paid	825.00	
Postage	3.00	
Printing check book	2.95	
Bank charges	4.57	
		$1,278.02
Balance:		211.05
Balance in National Shawmut Bank	$206.08	
Balance cash on hand	4.97	
		$211.05

The following have recived petitions through the York Rite Committee:

Chapters		*Councils*		*Commanderies*	
Norfolk	3	Brockton	5	Cypress No. 39	3
Satucket	3	Hyde Park	3	Bay State No. 38	2
Harmony	2	Boston	2	Old Colony No. 15	1
Mount Vernon	1	New Bedford	1	Sutton No. 16	1
				St. Omer No. 21	1
	9		11	Joseph Warren No. 26	1
					9

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. WILSON
CLARENCE E. BOOTH
GEORGE A. WEEKS
Committee

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was Voted to accept the above report and print same in the proceedings.

REPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

October 29, 1955

To the Officers and Members of Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

At the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery held on

October 30, 1955, a letter or resolution was submitted by Rt. Em. Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Past Grand Commander, relative to repairs on the Steeple of the Old North Church.

As Chairman of the Patriotic Activities Committee of this Grand Commandery, I suggested that each Commandery appoint a Patriotic Activities Committee and use as their objective — "the raising of funds for this worthy cause, which had such a Templar background." If each of our fifty Constituent Commanderies made a contribution of only $10.00, we could raise $500.00, and that I would make a full report at this Annual Conclave. Our receipts to date are as follows:

St. John's Commandery No. 1	$13.00
Boston Commandery No. 2	50.00
Worcester County Commandery No. 5	10.00
Springfield Commandery No. 6	10.00
DeMolay Commandery No. 7	10.00
Holy Sepulchre Commandery No. 8	10.00
Pilgrim Commandery No. 9	10.00
Palestine Commandery No. 10	26.00
St. Bernard Commandery No. 12	10.00
Calvary Commandery No. 13	6.00
Haverhill Commandery No. 14	12.00
Old Colony Commandery No. 15	10.00
Sutton Commandery No. 16	10.00
Bethany Commandery No. 17	6.00
Winslow Lewis Commandery No. 18	10.00
Jerusalem Commandery No. 19	10.00
St. Omer Commandery No. 21	11.00
Berkshire Commandery No. 22	10.00
Connecticut Valley Commandery No. 23	10.00
Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 25	39.50
Joseph Warren Commandery No. 26	10.00
Narragansett Commandery No. 27	10.00
Bristol Commandery No. 29	10.00
Northampton Commandery No. 30	15.00
South Shore Commandery No. 31	10.00
Olivet Commandery No. 36	10.00
Athol Commandery No. 37	9.45
Bay State Commandery No. 38	10.00
Cyprus Commandery No. 39	10.00
Beauseant Commandery No. 41	13.22
Cambridge Commandery No. 42	10.00
Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46	10.00
Temple Commandery No. 48	10.00
St. Andrew Commandery No. 49	10.00
Reading Commandery No. 50	10.00
Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51	15.75
Sir Galahad Commandery No. 52	10.00
Hugh de Payens Commandery No. 20	33.08
	$500.00

I, therefore Recommend that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to draw a check for $500.00, payable to the Old North Church Steeple Fund, and that the check be presented by the Grand Commandery Officers at the regular Sunday Morning Service of

the church to be held on Sunday, November 13, 1955 at 10:45 A.M. of which due notice will be given.

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. SCHROEDER
Chairman — Patriotic Activities Committee

E∴ SIR THOMAS A. BOOTH: R∴E∴Sir, I move that the Report of the Patriotic Activities Committee be accepted and the recommendations adopted.

(Motion carried)

NEW BUSINESS

R∴E∴ SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: R∴E∴Sir, I have an item of new business. I think our Grand Master explained very thoroughly the assessment of one dollar, and the fifteen cents contribution per member towards the furnishing of the room in the George Washington Memorial in Alexandria. This resolution, or form, presented to me covers in substance practically identically what our M∴E∴ Grand Master has said. —

"At the Forty-Sixth Triennial Conclave of The Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, of the United States of America held in New York City in August of this year, a Resolution was adopted to furnish the 8th floor of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Building at Alexandria, Va. as a Chapel, representing the Christian Order of Masonic Templary, and to defray the cost, a contribution of 15c per member was proposed and accepted. Wherein the 100% charity project to be known as 'The Knights Templar Eye Foundation', created for the free treatment of failing eyesight to any person, regardless of age, sex, race, color, creed or national origin whose financial status is such that they are unable to pay for treatment elsewhere, was adopted, which will require a yearly donation of $1.00 from every Sir Knight, a suggestion has been made that with the approval of the Finance Committee and the Trustees of the Grand Fund that this 15c per capita be paid by Grand Commandery, from income of existing funds."

Accordingly I propose the following motion:

Moved: that if and when the 15c per capita contribution, for partial expense of creating a Knights Templar Chapel in the George Washington Masonic Memorial Building, is requested by Grand Encampment to be paid, that the amount necessary be taken and drawn from the *Income*, of the Grand Fund of this Grand Commandery, accruing in the fiscal year in which payment is requested.

I make that motion. (Motion seconded)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: The motion is made and seconded. Is there any discussion? All in favor raise the sword arm. Opposed, the bridle arm. It is a vote.

Any other new business?

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: That is all I have on my desk.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE DAY

E∴SIR WILLIAM TURNER: R∴E∴Sir, the luncheon will be at one o'clock in the Narragansett Hotel. If any of the Sir Knights have not purchased their tickets yet they are available in the small room.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will recess for lunch. Luncheon will be served shortly after one in the ballroom of the Narragansett Hotel. We will begin work again here at two-thirty. Please come back.

(Recess for lunch at 12:30 P.M.)

RECESS

GRAND COMMANDER: I now declare that Grand Commandery is reconvened for business.

Sir Knight Grand Standard Bearer, would you escort the gentleman on your left to the East, please.

(E∴Sir William C. McCormick escorted to the East.)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Well, Bill, we have come to it and thank God we both made it. I am very sorry you feel so rotten but thank goodness you got here. If you will put this in your pocket I will pin this on you. You must know how much I appreciate all you have done for me. We have had a good eight or nine years together and I appreciate every minute you have been with me and all the work you did. I hope you have many years to enjoy it.

E∴SIR WILLIAM C. MCCORMICK: R∴E∴Sir, I appreciate the honor of receiving the jewel and shoulder straps from your hands. As you say, I have enjoyed the journey with you. It has been a privilege and pleasure to work with you. I have enjoyed being a companion and friend of yours all these years.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I would like to thank our organist who adds so much to our inspections and all other events. Thank you, Harry, for coming down.

Now, I have asked one of our Past Grand Commanders to handle our election and at this time I will turn the Grand Commandery over to R∴E∴Ben Downing, Past Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery.

R∴E∴SIR BENJAMIN F. DOWNING: Sir Knights, we are about to proceed with the election of the officers of this Grand Commandery. Nominations are in order for the office of Grand Commander. If there is no opposition the seconder may move that the nominations be closed and the election be by acclamation.

R∴E∴SIR FRANK H. WILSON: R∴E∴Past Grand Commander, I want to place in nomination a man I had the pleasure of appointing years ago. His experience seems to eminently qualify him for this office. I nominate Mortimer W. Schroeder, Past Commander of Beauseant Commandery.

E∴SIR CHARLES W. GURDY: R∴E∴Sir, it is my privilege and personal pleasure to second the nomination of Mortimer W. Schroeder for the office of R∴E∴Grand Commander and move that the ballot be closed and that the ballot be by acclamation.

R∴E∴SIR BENJAMIN F. DOWNING: You have heard the motion. All in favor of the election of Mortimer W. Schroeder to be your Grand Commander for the ensuing year say "aye." Those opposed. You have elected Sir Knight Mortimer W. Schroeder to serve you for the coming year.

I will ask R∴E∴Sir Harold Crocker to head a committee of Past Grand Commanders to inform E∴Sir Schroeder of his election. Sir Knight Captain of the Guard, you will form an escort.

(The escort and committee retired and returned to the Asylum escorting the Grand Commander-elect.)

R∴E∴SIR HAROLD S. CROCKER: R∴E∴Sir, you told me a message but, of course, I don't think you intended that I should. I presume that you want to do that. I didn't tell him that he had been elected but you can.

R∴E∴SIR BENJAMIN F. DOWNING: Sir Knight Schroeder, you have been elected Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery for the ensuing year. Do you accept?

V∴E∴SIR MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER: R∴E∴Sir, I do accept and I thank this Grand Commandery for their confidence in electing me to this high office.

R∴E∴SIR BENJAMIN F. DOWNING: If you will take a seat in the East we will proceed with this election.

We will proceed. Nominations are in order for the office of Deputy Grand Commander.

R∴E∴SIR FRANK H. WILSON nominated Sir Knight Thomas Arnold Booth for the office of Deputy Grand Commander

R∴E∴ SIR HAROLD S. CROCKER nominated Sir Knight Dwight C. Page for the office of Grand Generalissimo

E∴Sir Herman C. McStay nominated Sir Knight Alfred C. Blake for the office of Grand Captain General

R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin nominated Sir Knight Elliott N. Holley for the office of Grand Senior Warden

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker nominated Sir Knight Clarence E. Booth for the office of Grand Junior Warden

R∴E∴Sir Harold W. Sprague nominated R∴E∴Sir A. Kenneth Martin for the office of Grand Treasurer

R∴E∴Sir Allan Campbell, Jr. nominated Sir Knight George A. Weeks for the office of Grand Recorder

R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines nominated Sir Knight Harold S. Crocker for Trustee of the Grand Fund for a term of three years.

(all of the above officers were unanimously elected)

ORGANIZATION FOR 1955–1956

Grand Commander, Mortimer W. Schroeder
46 Warren Street, Everett, Mass.
Beauseant Commandery No. 41, K. T.

Deputy Grand Commander, Thomas A. Booth
163 Plymouth Street, New Bedford, Mass.
Sutton Commandery No. 16, K. T.

Grand Generalissimo, Dwight C. Page
22 Alden Avenue, Shrewsbury, Mass.
Worcester County Commandery No. 5, K. T.

Grand Captain General, Alfred C. Blake
1109 Pemberton Building, Boston, Mass.
Boston Commandery No. 2, K. T.

Grand Senior Warden, Elliot N. Holley, 11 Winn Street, Belmont, Mass.
DeMolay Commandery No. 7, K. T.

Grand Junior Warden, Clarence E. Booth
15 Cotton Street, Leominster, Mass.
Jerusalem Commandery No. 19, K. T.

Grand Prelate, Rev. Frank B. Crandall
29 Winter Island Road, Salem, Mass.
Athol Commandery No. 37, K. T.

Associate Grand Prelate, Rev. Otis L. Mason
777 Hicks Street, Fall River,
Godfrey de Bouillon Commandery No. 25, K. T.

Grand Treasurer, A. Kenneth Martin, 96 Park Avenue, So. Weymouth
South Shore Commandery No. 31, K. T.

Grand Recorder, George A. Weeks
Room 205, Masonic Temple, 51 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass.
St. Omer Commandery No. 21, K. T.

Grand Standard Bearer, Raymond L. Hall
c/o Parker Co., 31 St. James Avenue, Boston, Mass.
Bethany Commandery No. 17, K. T.

Grand Sword Bearer, Raymond D. Douglass, 18 Oak Avenue, Belmont, Mass.
St. Bernard Commandery No. 12, K. T.

Grand Warder, Charles W. Gurdy, 63 Winslow Street, Everett, Mass.
Beauseant Commandery No. 41, K. T.

Grand Captain of the Guard, William F. West
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R∴E∴Sir Benjamin F. Downing: The election having been concluded the Installation will be conducted by R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson assisted by R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker as Grand Marshal.

R∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle: I would just like to say one parting word before I resign my station. It is wonderful to see so many Sir Knights from Massachusetts and Rhode Island here today, and I hope that you will enjoy the rest of the day.

R∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle: Is there any other business?

R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines: Right Eminent Grand Commander, as a last duty before you relinquish your office, I would like to move, as is customary in all meetings of organizations, that all the acts of the Officers and Committees for the fiscal year 1954–1955 be ratified and approved. I so move.

R∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle: You have heard the motion as made by R∴E∴Sir John E. Rines — it is seconded, all in favor will manifest by extending the sword arm — it is a unanimous vote.

R∴E∴Sir Kenneth H. Earle: Right Eminent Sir Wilson, I resign to you the Head of this Grand Commandery for the Ceremony of Installation.

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson: I will ask the officers if everyone has turned their jewel in to the Treasurer's desk. They must be signed for before they go.

(The officers assembled for the ceremony of installation.)

R∴E∴Sir Harold S. Crocker: R∴E∴Sir, I have the honor to present for installation Sir Knight Mortimer Schroeder who has been unanimously elected to serve this Grand Commandery as Grand Commander for the coming year, and the other officers who have been duly chosen.

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson: Grand Commandery, attention! Officers chosen, before proceeding with the ceremony of installation let us have Devotions by our Grand Prelate.

Rev. and E∴Sir Frank B. Crandall: Our Heavenly Father, we invoke Thy blessing on those eminent Fraters who have been chosen as officers of this Grand Commandery for the ensuing year. Grant unto each, wisdom in leadership, strength in the zealous performance of his duties, and zeal for the Commandery's work, leading to the formation of a stronger nation, a better world, and the advancement of the Kingdom of God on earth. These things we ask in the Name of the Blessed Emmanuel. Amen.

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson: Officers chosen, before proceeding to invest you with the jewel of your office it is necessary that you take upon yourselves the vow of office. Do you severally consent to take upon yourselves the vow of office?

Officers: I do.

(R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson conferred the oath of office on the officers-elect.)

R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson: Sir Knight Mortimer Schroeder, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I receive you as the presiding officer of this Grand Commandery. It is an honor highly deserved. I congratulate you most heartily on your election to this high office and take pleasure in investing you with this beautiful jewel of your office.

You have served for ten years in this Grand Commandery Line well and faithfully. You have also had Masonic experience by having presided over every other Body in York Rite Freemasonry. You have presided over two Blue Lodges and, incidentally, you are a Past Patron of the Eastern Star. You are a member now of the KYCH. Certainly, your experience in Masonic Bodies will stand you in good stead.

You are now the number one Templar in the number one Commandery in the United States. To suggest or tell you what your duties are would be, to me, like carrying coals to Newcastle. I compliment you on arriving at this position and I now conduct you to your station as head of this Grand Commandery.

Grand Commandery, attention! Grand Commandery, behold your Grand Commander. Eminent Grand Commander, behold your Sir Knights. Grand Commandery, be seated.

R∴E∴Sir, if you will read your appointments at this time.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: It is my pleasure to appoint for Grand Prelate Rev. and E∴Sir Knight Frank B. Crandall; Associate Prelate, Rev. and E∴Sir Otis L. Mason; Grand Standard Bearer, E∴Sir Raymond L. Hall; Grand Sword Bearer, E∴Sir Raymond D. Douglass — I would like to say at this time that Ray Douglass has been confined to his home with a virus condition and is on the verge of pneumonia, his doctor says, and that is why he is not here at this time; E∴Sir Charles W. Gurdy as Grand Warder; E∴Sir Clarence R. Davis as Grand Sentinel — you also notice he is not with us. He called me yesterday morning and informed me that his wife was very sick and was about to be taken to the hospital and he didn't feel he should be here; Captain of the Guard, E∴Sir William F. West; Division Commander, 6th Division, E∴Sir Louis A. Beaudoin; Division Commander, 7th Division, E∴Sir Gilbert G. Machon; Inspector Instructor, E∴Sir Clyde L. Carter.

(The remaining officers were installed)

R∴E∴SIR FRANK H. WILSON: Grand Marshal, you will seat the officers chosen.

R∴E∴SIR FRANK H. WILSON: Grand Marshal, you will make the official proclamation.

R∴E∴SIR HAROLD S. CROCKER: Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! Valiant Knights of the Temple. In the name of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island I proclaim that the officers of this Grand Commandery, with the exception of the Grand Sword Bearer and Grand Sentinel, have been duly installed. This proclamation is made to the North; to the South; to the East; and to the West. All Sir Knights will take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

R∴E∴SIR FRANK H. WILSON: R∴E∴Grand Commander, the Grand Commandery is now yours.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, first I want to again thank the Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery for honoring me by electing me to the office of Grand Commander. I pledge that I will, as I have in the past, give to you the best I can.

I want to thank R∴E∴Sir Frank H. Wilson. Frank, you appointed me in Line some years ago. You have sponsored me all through this Grand Commandery Line. I hope you haven't been sorry for your choice.

R∴E∴SIR FRANK H. WILSON: Not at all.

R∴E∴SIR MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER: Sir Knights, I presume you want to know what our plans are for the ensuing year. I assure you, Most Eminent, that we have made plans this year although the details have not been arranged. Last year we had our 150th anniversary and we had the Grand Encampment session coming up. That made a busy year for our Junior Past Grand Commander. This year those things are off the docket. We will have time to devote to strengthening the constituent Commanderies and building up our membership.

To my mind we are not in a very healthy condition. I think we are sick, maybe not to the point where we need an operation to take care of it but we do need curative measures. To that end I have appointed a Past Commander of Hugh de Payens Commandery, Sir Knight J. LeRoy Jones, to head up the Service Committee. Officially he will be known as the Social Extension Director. Actually he will be Chairman of the Service Committee. This Service Committee will include the Membership Committee.

I am sorry to announce that R∴E∴Sir Frank Wilson, who has held this job and done it remarkably well for quite a few years now, due to other conditions feels forced to give it up.

I have included that job in with the Service Committee's job and at this time I would like to present to you J. LeRoy Jones. If he would kindly present himself to the East.

LeRoy, to make your job official, and to get you up here so they all will know you, I have what I hope is a pleasant surprise for you. You are going to be installed as the Social Extension Director; and for that I have asked our Most Eminent Grand Master if he would install you and he has kindly consented to to so.

Most Eminent Sir.

M∴E∴WALTER A. DELAMATER: First, I am going to pin this jewel on you and congratulate you. You are assuming an office of responsibility and at the same time a great opportunity for service and a challenge. As I understand the work of your committee and your office, it is to help in the various Templar activities in the various Commanderies and to increase their membership. It is a real challenge and a great opportunity. You are going to get a great reward by putting a lot into it and seeing these Commanderies develop.

Don't let them tell you that they can't get candidates. Barclay over there, his Commandery had that problem too and they went out and got 110 petitions and actually Knighted 103 in one day. So it can be done.

I feel certain that you are anxious and your R∴E∴Grand Commander has great confidence in you. I feel you realize the opportunity for service and I wish you all the luck and I know

that the Commanderies are going to work with you and you will accomplish outstanding results.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knight LeRoy Jones, Service Chairman, has appointed six — I believe it is — Deputy Representatives to work under him. He has divided the Jurisdiction up into six Divisions, not by numbers but by geographical locations. He is here for the purpose of helping the constituent Commanderies put on activities, getting new members, and all things pertaining to that job. You may feel free to call on him or his committee at any time. They will work with the Division Commanders. They may not be expert in their line as they are just starting but they will do the best they can. Bring your problems to them. If they can't answer them they will bring them to us in the Grand Line and if we can't answer them then the M∴E∴ has committees who can.

I ask your cooperation. We have set a goal this year of 1,000 petitions. We have a fertile field to work on and I don't think that is asking too much at all.

Last year our R∴E∴Grand Commander started the idea of having Red Cross and Malta teams put on the work throughout the Jurisdiction. The idea was very good. However, I don't think we are financially able to carry on in the same manner. However, I am going to try to encourage all Commanderies throughout the Jurisdiction to see to it that all Sir Knights who take the Red Cross and Malta Orders have an opportunity to go to some of these Commanderies that put them on in Full Form and see the work done in Full Form, thus getting the benefit of their membership.

There was an outdoor Church Service last year. As you know, it was rained out as usual, as I said. That, too, is impractical financially according to our budget. However, I would like to have all the Commanderies have a Christmas observance and urge that they attend Church at least once through the year. If there is any Commandery who cares to put on and sponsor this outdoor Church Service I am sure that the Grand Commandery will back them as much as possible and give them every assistance.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: R∴E∴Sir Weeks, have you anything on your desk?

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: R∴E∴Sir, nothing at this time.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: R∴E∴Sir Downing, you have a duty to perform.

R∴E∴SIR BENJAMIN F. DOWNING: A very pleasant and happy one.

R∴E∴SIR HAROLD S. CROCKER: R∴E∴Sir, I present Sir Knight Earle, a R∴E∴Past Grand Commander, who has joined the ranks of those people known as — skip it.

R∴E∴SIR BENJAMIN F. DOWNING: For you, as the youngest and tallest Past Grand Commander, I have a very pleasant duty to perform. I don't know when in a long, long time I have enjoyed as much as I expect to enjoy this next moment or two. It won't be long but —.

At the end of a road, a road travelled with earnest hard work, and days and hours of endeavor, this Grand Commandery — and we all feel this way — is happy to present to you, in token of a job well done, a Past Grand Commander's jewel which I am not going to try to pin on you and I know that you will enjoy it as much as so many of those whom you have seen wear it, and one which you richly deserve.

These are not idle words. As you know, that was the jewel of Lester Marston who appointed you and has since passed on.

Also, here is the purple, both for your chapeau and your shoulder straps. I am sure that no man in my recollection more richly deserves what little Grand Commandery can do for you.

R∴E∴SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: I thank you, Ben. I have had a lot of fun doing it, of course. I have made many, many friends such as you. We have travelled the country pretty much together. While we haven't always seen eye to eye we have always ended up in the same place.

I thank the Grand Commandery for these tokens of appreciation and I assure you that I apreciate it very much.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: I thank all the Sir Knights for coming down here to attend this Grand Commandery session. It is also a pleasure to have all the visiting guests from out-of-state here and particularly our M∴E∴Grand Master. I sincerely hope that you have all had a very pleasant day.

You all know, hearing me over the past ten years, that I am no speech maker. However, I will try to make up what I lack in words and I will try to make it up in deeds. Thank you.

R∴E∴Grand Recorder, have you anything on your desk?

R∴E∴SIR GEORGE A. WEEKS: I think the only thing I have is that six of the officers must come up and pick up their Rituals after we adjourn. That is all.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Does any Sir Knight have anything to present?

Sir Knight Warder, you will inform the Sentinel that I am about to adjourn this Grand Commandery.

E∴Sir Charles W. Gurdy: R∴E∴Grand Commander, the Grand Sentinel is informed.

The Grand Commander: Sir Knights, attention! Uncover! Em. Grand Prelate, you will lead our Devotions.

Rev. and E∴Sir Frank B. Crandall: To God's mercy and protection we commit you. The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace now and forever more. Amen.

The Grand Commander: Sir Knights, recover!

I declare this 152nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island adjourned.

Sir Knight Warder, inform the Sentinel.

The 152nd Annual Conclave adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Courteously yours,

George A. Weeks,
Grand Recorder.

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"And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. St. Luke 6:31.

Boston, November 1, 1954, A.O. 836

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 1
SERIES 1954–1955

To the Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery.

Greetings:

The Holiday Season will soon be here, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each Sir Knight and the members of his family a most sincere, very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

During the Christmas Season it has become the established custom in this great Christian Order for each Sir Knight to forward to his Commandery a holiday contribution in order that some measure of good-will and cheer may be assured through our efforts in the homes of the needy and deserving.

Sir Knights, we are sure you will experience additional Christmas joy in the knowledge that you have made possible a welcome holiday remembrance. This is the real spirit of Christmas.

Anything you give will be used solely and exclusively for the less fortunate — the lonely and the destitute — and for no other purpose.

This Official Order is to be read at the head of the Lines, at the Conclave immediately following its receipt and the results reported to me on forms furnished by Grand Commandery.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Grand Commandery on the 1st day of November, nineteen hundred fifty-four, A.O. 836.

Courteously yours,

KENNETH H. EARLE,
Grand Commander

ATTEST:
GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Grand Recorder

Boston, Mass. Nov. 10, 1954 A.O. 836

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 2
SERIES 1954–1955

To the Grand Commandery Officers, Eminent Commanders and Recorders.

Greetings:

You are requested to adhere to the following Regulations of the

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the United States of America issued in 1949 — See Page 100.

Re: *Distribution of Rituals to Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies:*

"Issuance of eleven (11) Rituals authorized to each Constituent and Subordinate Commandery, one for each officer except the Treasurer, for use during his term of office, the Ritual to be transferred to the next Knight installed in the respective office, and a receipt for each Ritual to be taken by the Recorder from the officer installed at time of installation; all Rituals to be present at the time of the annual installation of officers. All Rituals issued to Constituent Commanderies shall be issued by the Grand Recorder of the respective Grand Commandery, who shall require a receipt from the Recorder of the Commandery for the Rituals so issued . . ."

Following are the officers to whom Rituals should be issued:

Commander	Junior Warden	Sword Bearer
Generalissimo	Prelate	Warder
Captain General	Recorder	Sentinel
Senior Warden	Standard Bearer	

Re: *Receipt for Rituals:*

"Recommendation of Grand Master approved, that the Ritual of each office shall be transferred to the officer installed in that office, instead of being held by that same officer while serving through the lines."

Re: *Penalty for Lost Rituals:*

"No lost or misplaced Ritual issued to Constituent or Subordinate Commanderies shall be replaced until an intensive search has been made for the lost Ritual by the officers and members of the respective Commandery, and, if the Ritual cannot then be found, a fee of $10.00 for the lost Ritual shall be collected before a new one is issued in lieu thereof, provided that upon satisfactory proof that such Ritual has been destroyed by fire or other unavoidable casualty, without any fault or negligence on the part of the holder thereof, the same shall be replaced without any charge for the new Ritual. Provided, further, that all Rituals so worn as to be unusable to the limit in number hereinbefore provided, shall be exchanged by the Grand Recorder without any charge and shipment prepaid."

It is my order that this communication be read at the next Con-

clave following its receipt and spread upon the records.

Given under my hand and the Seal of this Grand Commandery on this tenth day of November, 1954.

Courteously yours,

KENNETH H. EARLE,
Grand Commander

ATTEST:
GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Grand Recorder.

November 18, 1954

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 3
SERIES 1954–1955

Re: *Inspections.*

Sir Knights:

It has become necessary to issue the following *Order* to the *Line Officers and Deputy Grand Warders:*

"None other than those listed under Precedence of Rank on Page two of the Red Book shall be included in the Suite."

Given under my hand and the Seal of this Grand Commandery this 18th day of November 1954, A.O. 836.

Courteously yours,

KENNETH H. EARLE,
Grand Commander

ATTEST:
GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Grand Recorder.

May 18, 1955

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 4
SERIES 1954–1955

To All Eminent Commanders:

I am directed to advise you that our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Kenneth H. Earle, has accepted an invitation for himself and his Grand Commandery Officers to be present at Sunday Service sponsored by Jerusalem Commandery No. 19, to be held in Doyle Field, Leominster, Massachusetts, on Sunday, June 12, 1955, at 2:00 p.m.

The Service will be similar to that held in the past at Manning Bowl, Lynn, Massachusetts. The guest speaker will be Dr. E. Robert Chable, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commmandery of the State of New York.

It is, therefore, *the Order* of your Grand Commander that you have your banners displayed and your Officers present at Leominster, on Sunday, June 12th, and that you make every effort to have your Commandery represented with as many uniformed Sir Knights as possible in line for the Parade.

Your cooperation is expected and will be appreciated.

Courteously yours,

GEORGE A. WEEKS,
Grand Recorder

February 10, 1955

CIRCULAR LETTER No. 1
SERIES 1954–1955

Re: *Easter Sunrise Service*

Greetings:

The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America will conduct the 25th Annual Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service in Arlington National Cemetery located directly across the Potomac River in Virginia opposite the District of Columbia, on Easter Sunday Morning, April 10, 1955. The assembly in full Templar uniform will begin at 7:00 a.m. sharp at the West Gate of the Cemetery (near Ft. Myer). The lines will move promptly at 7:10 a.m. for the short march to the Amphitheatre.

The ceremony of laying the traditional Cross of Lilies at the Tomb of the Unknown Solider will conclude the service. Music will be furnished by the U. S. Marine Band and arrangements are being made to have the service broadcast or televised on a nationwide network. The address on this occasion will be delivered by Sir Knight Maurice M. Witherspoon, Capt., ChC, USN (Ret.).

A very cordial invitation is extended to you to participate, and *the Committee especially requests that you give this invitation all possible publicity in your Commandery.* Reserved seats will be provided for those accompanying you, not in uniform, upon request.

After the service (about 9:00 a.m.), the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia will sponsor a breakfast at the Washington Hotel, 15th & F Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C., for the Sir Knights and the Ladies. Tickets for this breakfast are $2.00 each. Grand Commandery Office will be pleased to render any assistance possible to you and your party in making room reservations and arranging for breakfast tickets, but ample time must be given in advance, as hotel reservations are at a premium in Washington during the Easter Holiday.

Olivet Commandery No. 36 of Lynn, Mass., is planning a trip to attend the Easter Sunrise Service in Arlington, Virginia, April 8th thru 10th, 1955. The trip is limited to the first 80 people who make reservations. Forty twin-bedded rooms have been reserved in Hotel Willard — one of Washington's finest. Prices for round-trip transportation and accommodations only:

PLANE — $55. per person.	Hotel two nights. Return Sunday 7 PM approximately.
TRAIN — $65. per person.	Coach and Sleeper Friday, and Hotel Saturday night. Return Sunday 3 PM approximately.
TRAIN — $35. per person.	Coach both ways. Hotel Saturday night. Return Sunday 3PM approximately.

Courteously yours,

KENNETH H. EARLE,
Grand Commander

December 8, 1954

OFFICIAL LETTER No. 1
SERIES 1954–1955

To the Grand Commandery Officers, Eminent Commanders

Sir Knights:

We need at least 200 Candidates present January 15th, to get back on schedule for the year.

The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross as exemplified by Hugh de Payens No. 20 of Melrose, and the Order of Malta by Worcester County Commandery No. 5 of Worcester will be presented in Gardner, Massachusetts, on Saturday, January 15th, 1955 (NOTE: location is not yet available, but it will be either the City Hall or High School) — the work beginning at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. This will permit all Candidates and members of the cast and others to be home with their families for the evening.

This is a wonderful opportunity to have your Candidates see the work done in the very best manner and also relieve the individual Commanderies of having to do the work separately.

I know that both casts will do a very fine job.

Let's get the petitions in and the Candidates lined up for the first performance!

There will be no parade, no dinner, or other activity at this Conclave.

Courteously yours,

KENNETH H. EARLE,
Grand Commander

December 17, 1954

OFFICIAL LETTER No. 2
SERIES 1954–1955

To the Grand Commandery Officers and Eminent Commanders:

Sir Knights:

This is to advise you that *Illustrious Order of Red Cross* and *Order of Malta* will be put on in the Junior High School Auditorium, which is located on Waterford Street in Gardner, Massachusetts, on Saturday, January 15th, 1955, beginning at 2:30 p.m. (See my Official Letter of December 8th, 1954.)

It is my hope that all Commanderies will bring their candidates to witness the Work and also contribute $2.00 per candidate toward defraying the expenses which will be incurred.

Please notify Eminent Sir Allen H. Millett, 85 Prospect Street, Gardner, Massachusetts, as to the number of candidates YOUR COMMANDERY will have present on January 15th, 1955.

Courteously yours,

KENNETH H. EARLE,
Grand Commander

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OFFICIAL LETTER No. 3
SERIES 1954–1955

To Eminent Commanders and Recorders:

On March 31st, we will be 7 months through our membership statistical year. From our Commandery notices we pick off the number of new petitions each month, plus Dispensations, and send out reports to every Commandery showing the relationship of new petitions to the "petition" quota. However, we know very little through the year as to losses due to demits and suspensions. At the close of the year we too often find that the losses exceed the number of knightings, with the result that we show a net loss in the membership of a Commandery.

Under date of November 16, 1954, a letter was mailed to all Commanderies, requesting information regarding your suggested quota, with a questionnaire to be returned to Frank H. Wilson. To date he has heard from only twelve Commanders.

After you determine your standing for the 6 months ending February 28, 1955, will you please follow the same procedure each month so that you will know how much of a net gain you can contribute to Grand Commandery during my year?

Please compute your membership standing below and return to Frank H. Wilson before April 15, 1955.

Courteously yours,

KENNETH H. EARLE,
Grand Commander

Frank H. Wilson
27 Beverly Street,
Melrose 76, Mass.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS AS OF FEBURARY 28, 1955

Total Membership as of August 31, 1954.....

Gains (6 months)		Losses (6 months)	
Knighted	.....	Deaths	.....
Affiliated	.....	Demits	.....
Reinstated	_____	Suspensions	..... _____
Total Gains	_____	Total Losses	_____
		Net Gain or Loss	_____

Total Membership as of February 28, 1955..... _____

Signed..... .....
Recorder

ADDENDA

Precedence of Grand Commanderies Based Upon the Date of Their Respective Organizations

1. MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND ..... May 6, 1805
2. NEW YORK ..... June 18, 1814
3. VIRGINIA ..... Nov. 27, 1823
4. VERMONT ..... June 27, 1824
5. NEW HAMPSHIRE ..... June 13, 1826
6. CONNECTICUT ..... Sept. 13, 1827
7. OHIO ..... Oct. 24, 1843
8. KENTUCKY ..... Oct. 15, 1847
9. MAINE ..... May 5, 1852
10. PENNSYLVANIA ..... April 12, 1854
11. INDIANA ..... May 16, 1854
12. TEXAS ..... Jan. 18, 1855
13. MISSISSIPPI ..... Jan. 21, 1857
14. MICHIGAN ..... April 7, 1857
15. ILLINOIS ..... Oct. 27, 1857
16. CALIFORNIA ..... Aug. 10, 1858
17. TENNESSEE ..... Oct. 12, 1859
18. WISCONSIN ..... Oct. 20, 1859
19. NEW JERSEY ..... Feb. 14, 1860
20. GEORGIA ..... April 25, 1860
21. MISSOURI ..... May 22, 1860
22. ALABAMA ..... Nov. 29, 1860
23. LOUISIANA ..... Feb. 12, 1864
24. IOWA ..... June 6, 1864
25. MINNESOTA ..... Oct. 23, 1865
26. KANSAS ..... Dec. 29, 1868
27. MARYLAND ..... Jan. 23, 1871
28. NEBRASKA ..... Dec. 27, 1871
29. ARKANSAS ..... Mar. 23, 1872
30. WEST VIRGINIA ..... Feb. 25, 1874
31. COLORADO ..... Mar. 14, 1876
32. NORTH CAROLINA ..... May 10, 1881
33. SOUTH DAKOTA ..... May 14, 1884
34. OREGON ..... April 13, 1887
35. WASHINGTON ..... June 2, 1887
36. WYOMING ..... Mar. 7, 1888
37. MONTANA ..... May 14, 1888
38. NORTH DAKOTA ..... June 16, 1890
39. ARIZONA ..... Nov. 16, 1893
40. FLORIDA ..... Aug. 15, 1895
41. *INDIAN TERRITORY ..... Dec. 27, 1895
42. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ..... Jan. 14, 1896
43. *OKLAHOMA ..... Feb. 10, 1896
44. NEW MEXICO ..... Aug. 21, 1901
45. IDAHO ..... Aug. 31, 1904
46. SOUTH CAROLINA ..... Mar. 25, 1907
47. UTAH ..... April 20, 1910
48. NEVADA ..... April 15, 1918

(*Consolidated October 6, 1911, as the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma.)

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1955-1958

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Addresses of Grand Recorders

Grand Commandery	Grand Recorder	Address
Alabama	C. H. Stubinger	Masonic Temple, Montgomery
Arizona	Henry P. Johnson	P. O. Box 724, Bisbee
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California	Chester H. Newell	Room 423, Masonic Temple, San Francisco, California
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Dist. of Columbia	Otto B. Rolpke	Masonic Temple, Washington 5
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Minnesota	John H. Anderson	Masonic Temple, St. Paul 2
Mississippi	Sid F. Curtis	Masonic Temple, Meridian
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Montana	Herbert F. Hasfeld	108 Grand St., Helena, Mont.
Nebraska	Charles R. Greisen	401 Masonic Temple, Omaha
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South Dakota	Elvin F. Strain	Sioux Falls
Tennessee	Thomas Earl Doss	Box 216, Nashville 2
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Utah	Bert Atwater	Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City
Vermont	Aaron H. Grout	Masonic Temple, Burlington
Virginia	Charles Vernon Eddy	Winchester
Washington	Clifford L. Evans	716 American Bldg., Seattle, Wash.
West Virginia	Robert H. Bowlby	Box 825, Morgantown
Wisconsin	Ward A. Rowbottom	259 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, Wis.
Wyoming	Edward J. Treglown	Box 1311, Casper, Wyo.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICIAL INSPECTIONS

Name of Commandery	No.	Members Present	Visitors	Suite	Total	Annual Dues	Life Membership	Date of Inspection	Official Mark	Name of Inspecting Officer
St. John's	1	161	7	60	228	$6.00	$120.00	Mar. 7, 1955	10 –	Elliott N. Holley
Boston	2	366	16	51	433	10.00	150.00	Mar. 16, 1955	10 –	Alfred C. Blake
Newburyport	3	135	49	50	234	10.00	150.00	Jan. 20, 1955	10 –	Alfred C. Blake
Washington	4	34	1	20	55	6.00	90.00	Jan. 19, 1955	9 +	Alfred C. Blake
Worcester County	5	206	10	32	248	10.00	200.00	Apr. 7, 1955	10 –	Alfred C. Blake
Springfield	6	144	5	12	161	10.00	150.00	Apr. 11, 1955	9 +	Alfred C. Blake
De Molay	7	205	11	57	273	10.00	150.00	Nov. 24, 1954	10 –	Elliott N. Holley
Holy Sepulchre	8	160	5	46	211	7.00	105.00	Mar. 18, 1955	10 –	Raymond D. Douglass
Pilgrim	9	106	17	48	171	11.00	165.00	Jan. 26, 1955	10 –	Elliott N. Holley
Palestine	10	50	2	24	76	10.00	150.00	Mar. 9, 1955	9 +	Mortimer W. Schroeder
Milford	11	54	5	21	80	9.00	135.00	Apr. 26, 1955	9 +	Elliott N. Holley
St. Bernard	12	50	5	16	71	40.00	600.00	Mar. 9, 1955	10 –	Elliott N. Holley
Calvary	13	169	14	53	236	6.00	90.00	Mar. 15, 1955	10 –	Elliott N. Holley
Haverhill	14	148	8	25	181	8.00	120.00	Apr. 12, 1955	10 –	Raymond D. Douglass
Old Colony	15	52	9	27	88	5.00	75.00	Mar. 28, 1955	9 +	Clarence E. Booth
Sutton	16	174	15	41	230	7.00	105.00	Dec. 2, 1954	10 –	Clarence E. Booth
Bethany	17	62	1	28	91	10.00	150.00	Jan. 31, 1955	9 –	Clarence E. Booth
Winslow Lewis	18	64	0	21	85	8.00	120.00	Feb. 17, 1955	9 +	Clarence E. Booth
Jerusalem	19	93	14	46	153	10.00	150.00	Apr. 21, 1955	10 –	Clarence E. Booth
Hugh De Payens	20	216	20	40	276	9.00	135.00	Apr. 13, 1955	10 –	Clarence E. Booth
St. Omer	21	97	26	66	189	8.00	120.00	Jan. 17, 1955	10 –	Clarence E. Booth
Berkshire	22	52	12	21	85	5.00	75.00	May 9, 1955	9 +	Raymond L. Hall
Connecticut Valley	23	64	14	25	103	7.00	105.00	May 3, 1955	10 –	Raymond L. Hall
Woonsocket	24	64	2	28	94	5.00	75.00	Feb. 15, 1955	9 +	Clarence E. Booth
Godfrey De Bouillon	25	56	3	20	79	7.00	150.00	Apr. 20, 1955	9 +	Raymond L. Hall
Joseph Warren	26	63	15	35	113	10.00	150.00	Feb. 7, 1955	9 –	Elliott N. Holley
Narragansett	27	79	4	25	108	5.00	75.00	Mar. 2, 1955	10 –	Raymond L. Hall
Bristol	29	78	17	60	155	6.00	90.00	Feb. 4, 1955	10 –	Clarence E. Booth
Northampton	30	42	14	35	91	8.00	120.00	Dec. 13, 1954	9 +	Raymond D. Douglass
South Shore	31	55	4	28	87	8.00	160.00	Mar. 24, 1955	9	Raymond D. Douglass
Trinity	32	57	5	23	85	6.00	90.00	Feb. 16, 1955	9	Raymond D. Douglass
Natick	33	47	3	33	83	6.00	90.00	May 9, 1955	9	Raymond D. Douglass
Coeur De Lion	34	112	31	42	185	7.00	105.00	Jan. 18, 1955	10 –	Raymond D. Douglass
Gethsemane	35	148	8	38	194	10.00	150.00	Mar. 22, 1955	10 –	Raymond D. Douglass
Olivet	36	145	13	37	195	7.00	105.00	Dec. 9, 1954	9 +	Raymond D. Douglass
Athol	37	47	10	33	90	6.00		May 11, 1955	9 +	William F. West
Bay State	38	146	5	47	198	7.00	175.00	Nov. 15, 1954	10 –	William F. West
Cyprus	39	61	11	35	107	7.00	105.00	Feb. 24, 1955	10 –	William F. West
St. Paul	40	58	19	44	121	10.00	150.00	May 13, 1955	9 +	William F. West
Beauseant	41	79	7	56	142	8.00	128.00	Feb. 28, 1955	10 –	William F. West
Cambridge	42	46	5	26	77	10.00	200.00	Feb. 22, 1955	9 +	William F. West
Bethlehem	43	71	22	29	122	10.00	150.00	Apr. 15, 1955	10 –	William F. West
Orange	45	38	8	28	74	6.00		Feb. 25, 1955	9 +	Louis A. Beaudoin
Ivanhoe	46	122	29	50	201	7.85	105.00	Nov. 4, 1954	10 –	Louis A. Beaudoin
Quincy	47	115	3	34	152	12.00	180.00	Apr. 25, 1955	10 –	Louis A. Beaudoin
Temple	48	46	9	43	98	6.00	120.00	Apr. 14, 1955	8 +	Louis A. Beaudoin
St. Andrew	49	58	12	23	93	7.00	105.00	Mar. 21, 1955	10 –	Louis A. Beaudoin
Reading	50	104	44	61	209	9.00	135.00	Jan. 10, 1955	10 –	Louis A. Beaudoin
Thomas Smith Webb	51	63	4	53	120	10.00	150.00	Nov. 19, 1954	10 –	Louis A. Beaudoin
Sir Galahad	52	46	10	19	75	8.00	120.00	Feb. 21, 1955	9 +	Louis A. Beaudoin
Total	1955	4,908	583	1815	7,306					
	1954	4,823	774	1,801	7,398					
Comparison with last year.		+85	−191	+14	−92					

CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Name of Commandery	No.	Location of Commandery	Date of Charter	Stated Conclave	Election of Officers	Annual Conclave	Installation
St. John's	1	Providence, R. I.	Oct. 7, 1805	1st Mon.	June	Oct.	Oct.
Boston	2	Boston, Mass.	Mar. 3, 1806	3rd Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Newburyport	3	Newburyport, Mass.	May 19, 1808	3rd Thurs.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Washington	4	Newport, R. I.	June 7, 1814	3rd Wed.	June	June	June
Worcester County	5	Worcester, Mass.	Dec. 17, 1824	1st Thurs.	June	June	June
Springfield	6	Springfield, Mass.	June 19, 1826	1st Mon.	June	June	June
De Molay	7	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 10, 1848	4th Wed.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Holy Sepulchre	8	Pawtucket, R. I.	Oct. 10, 1848	3rd Fri.	June	June	June
Pilgrim	9	Lowell, Mass.	Oct. 10, 1855	4th Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Palestine	10	Chelsea, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	2nd Wed.	May	May	May
Milford	11	Milford, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	4th Tues.	June	June	June
St. Bernard	12	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	2nd Wed.	May	May	May
Calvary	13	Providence, R. I.	May 22, 1860	3rd Tues.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Haverhill	14	Haverhill, Mass.	May 13, 1863	2nd Tues.	June	June	June
Old Colony	15	Abington, Mass.	Oct. 26, 1863	4th Mon.	June	June	Sept.
Sutton	16	New Bedford, Mass.	Mar. 4, 1864	1st Thurs.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Bethany	17	Lawrence, Mass.	June 1, 1864	Last Mon.	May	May	Sept.
Winslow Lewis	18	Salem, Mass.	Mar. 3, 1865	3rd Thurs.	June	Oct.	Oct.
Jerusalem	19	Fitchburg, Mass.	Mar. 8, 1865	3rd Thurs.	June	June	Sept.
Hugh de Payens	20	Melrose, Mass.	Mar. 27, 1865	2nd Wed.	June	Sept.	Sept.
St. Omer	21	Dorchester, Mass.	Sept. 30, 1865	3rd Mon.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Berkshire	22	Pittsfield, Mass.	Dec. 22, 1865	2nd Mon.	June	June	June
Connecticut Valley	23	Greenfield, Mass.	May 22, 1866	1st Tues.	June	June	June
Woonsocket	24	Woonsocket, R. I.	Jan. 31, 1867	2nd Tues.	June	June	June
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Fall River, Mass.	May 29, 1868	3rd Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Joseph Warren	26	Roxbury, Mass.	Jan. 1, 1869	1st Mon.	June	June	June
Narragansett	27	Westerly, R. I.	May 12, 1869	1st Wed.	June	June	Oct.
William Parkman	28	East Boston, Mass.	Consolidated with Boston Commandery Feb. 21, 1940				
Bristol	29	Attleboro, Mass.	May 28, 1870	1st Fri.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Northampton	30	Northampton, Mass.	June 2, 1870	2nd Mon.	June	June	June
South Shore	31	E. Weymouth, Mass.	June 9, 1870	4th Thurs.	June	June	Sept.
Trinity	32	Hudson, Mass.	Apr. 7, 1871	3rd Wed.	June	June	Sept.
Natick	33	Natick, Mass.	Apr. 12, 1871	2nd Mon.	June	June	Oct.
Coeur de Lion	34	Charlestown, Mass.	Oct. 14, 1871	3rd Tues.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Gethsemane	35	Newtonville, Mass.	May 20, 1872	4th Tues.	June	June	June
Olivet	36	Lynn, Mass.	Mar. 13, 1873	2nd Thurs.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.
Athol	37	Athol, Mass.	June 7, 1873	2nd Wed.	June	June	June
Bay State	38	Brockton, Mass.	Sept. 13, 1873	3rd Mon.	June	June	
Cyprus	39	Hyde Park, Mass.	Oct. 31, 1873	4th Thurs.	May	Sept.	Sept.
St. Paul	40	North Adams, Mass.	Jan. 19, 1882	2nd Fri.	June	June	June
Beauseant	41	Malden, Mass.	Oct. 20, 1886	4th Mon.	June	June	June
Cambridge	42	Cambridge, Mass.	May 28, 1890	4th Tues.	June	June	Sept.
Bethlehem	43	Gloucester, Mass.	Oct. 29, 1890	2nd Mon.	June	Sept.	Sept.
St. George	44	Beverly, Mass.	Charter arrested July 17, 1945				
Orange	45	Orange, Mass.	Oct. 26, 1893	Last Fri.	June	June	June
Ivanhoe	46	Gardner, Mass.	Oct. 31, 1896	1st Thurs.	June	June	June
Quincy	47	Quincy, Mass.	Feb. 20, 1911	4th Mon.	June	June	June
Temple	48	Norwood, Mass.	Oct. 22, 1919	2nd Thurs.	June	Sept.	Sept.
St. Andrew	49	Holyoke, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1920	3rd Mon.	June	June	Sept.
Reading	50	Reading, Mass.	Jan. 14, 1921	2nd Mon.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Thomas Smith Webb	51	Cranston, R. I.	May 6, 1921	3rd Fri.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Sir Galahad	52	Waltham, Mass.	May 31, 1922	3rd Mon.	June	June	Sept.
Winthrop	53	Winthrop, Mass.	Consolidated with Boston Commandery Feb. 20, 1952				

GRAND COMMANDERY MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Name of Commandery	Number	Membership Last Year	Membership This Year	Admitted	Affiliated	Reinstated	Dimitted	Suspended	Errors	Died	Fees at $5.00	Per Capita at 85½¢	Total
St. John's	1	703	685	7	1	1	2	0	0	25	35.00	$585.68	$620.68
Boston	2	1,218	1,228	67	0	0	8	14	1 −	34	335.00	1,049.94	1.384.94
Newburyport	3	266	270	13	2	2	2	3	0	8	65.00	230.85	295.85
Washington	4	121	116	2	0	0	0	1	0	6	10.00	99.18	109.18
Worcester County	5	710	731	43	0	0	6	0	0	16	215.00	625.01	840.00
Springfield	6	521	529	24	1	1	0	0	0	18	120.00	452.29	572.29
De Molay	7	705	750	65	4	0	2	5	0	17	325.00	641.25	966.25
Holy Sepulchre	8	377	381	16	0	0	0	2	0	10	80.00	325.75	405.75
Pilgrim	9	323	315	11	0	1	3	2	0	15	55.00	269.33	324.33
Palestine	10	209	205	5	1	0	5	0	0	5	25.00	175.28	200.28
Milford	11	161	159	6	0	0	2	1	0	5	30.00	135.95	165.95
St. Bernard	12	96	95	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	5.00	81.23	86.23
Calvary	13	675	656	21	1	1	7	0	0	35	105.00	560.88	665.88
Haverhill	14	374	376	18	0	0	4	0	0	12	90.00	321.48	411.48
Old Colony	15	182	181	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	15.00	154.76	169.76
Sutton	16	469	488	27	2	2	3	4	1 +	6	135.00	417.24	552.24
Bethany	17	152	147	2	1	1	3	2	0	4	10.00	125.69	135.69
Winslow Lewis	18	189	195	16	0	0	1	0	0	9	80.00	166.73	246.73
Jerusalem	19	265	275	16	1	0	2	1	0	4	80.00	235.13	315.13
Hugh de Payens	20	574	588	30	2	0	2	0	0	16	150.00	502.74	652.74
St. Omer	21	310	318	12	1	4	2	2	0	5	60.00	271.89	331.89
Berkshire	22	227	222	5	0	0	0	0	0	10	25.00	189.81	214.81
Connecticut Valley	23	160	157	4	0	0	0	0	0	7	20.00	134.24	154.24
Woonsocket	24	156	166	15	0	0	1	0	0	4	75.00	141.93	216.93
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	110	111	7	0	0	1	0	0	5	35.00	94.91	129.91
Joseph Warren	26	185	180	9	0	0	1	0	0	13	45.00	153.90	198.90
Narragansett	27	185	195	16	1	0	1	0	0	6	80.00	166.73	246.73
Bristol	29	245	252	15	1	0	2	3	0	4	75.00	215.46	290.46
Northampton	30	111	111	4	0	0	1	0	0	3	20.00	94.91	114.91
South Shore	31	140	144	9	0	1	2	0	0	4	45.00	123.12	168.12
Trinity	32	196	187	3	0	0	3	1	0	8	15.00	159.89	174.89
Natick	33	150	160	15	0	0	1	0	0	4	75.00	136.80	211.80
Coeur de Lion	34	328	325	6	2	0	1	1	0	9	30.00	277.87	307.87
Gethsemane	35	445	463	29	3	0	5	1	0	8	145.00	395.87	540.87
Olivet	36	429	429	15	0	1	1	0	0	15	75.00	366.80	441.80
Athol	37	121	124	5	0	1	1	1	0	1	25.00	106.02	131.02
Bay State	38	395	386	5	2	0	1	1	0	14	25.00	330.03	355.03
Cyprus	39	116	136	24	0	0	1	0	0	3	120.00	116.28	236.28
St. Paul	40	117	118	10	0	0	2	3	0	4	50.00	100.89	150.89
Beauseant	41	312	315	14	1	1	2	0	0	11	70.00	269.33	339.33
Cambridge	42	161	151	2	0	0	2	0	0	10	10.00	129.11	139.11
Bethlehem	43	152	147	2	0	0	2	3	0	2	10.00	125.69	135.69
Orange	45	69	66	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	00.00	56.43	56.43
Ivanhoe	46	232	244	18	0	0	1	0	0	5	90.00	208.62	298.62
Quincy	47	293	297	21	0	0	4	1	0	12	105.00	253.94	358.94
Temple	48	189	195	16	0	0	4	1	0	5	80.00	166.73	246.73
St. Andrew	49	129	128	7	0	0	0	5	0	3	35.00	109.44	144.44
Reading	50	273	280	16	1	0	2	3	0	5	80.00	239.40	319.40
Thomas Smith Webb	51	167	166	7	0	0	2	2	0	4	35.00	141.93	176.93
Sir Galahad	52	179	180	6	1	1	1	2	0	4	30.00	153.90	183.90
Total		14,572	14.723	710	30	18	101	66	1+1−	440	3550.00	12,588.26	16,138.26
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ADDRESSES OF
RECORDERS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Commandery	No.	Recorder	Address
St. John's	1	Harold M. Arnold	R.F.D. No. 1, North Scituate, R. I.
Boston	2	Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr.	20 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.
Newburyport	3	William H. Carter	10 Columbus Ave., Newburyport, Mass.
Washington	4	Raymond E. Crowell	36 Norman St., Newport, R. I.
Worcester County	5	Walter B. Taylor	70 Moore Ave., Worcester, Mass.
Springfield	6	Harold Gaylord Ransom	111 Woodlawn Pl., Long Meadow, Mass.
DeMolay	7	Chester G. Parsons	25 Cavanaugh Rd., Wellesley, Mass.
Holy Sepulchre	8	Ralph Simpson	9 Leicester Way, Pawtucket, R. I.
Pilgrim	9	Arthur E. Dyar	269 Beacon St., Lowell, Mass.
Palestine	10	George P. LeGrow	74 Summit St., Peabody, Mass.
Milford	11	Edward S. Holbrook	Holliston, Mass.
St. Bernard	12	Harry L. Wiggin	171 Perkins St., Melrose 76, Mass.
Calvary	13	Charles H. Leffingwell	131 Alexander St., Cranston, R. I.
Haverhill	14	Everett W. Smith	56 Fountain St., Haverhill, Mass.
Old Colony	15	Albert W. Johnson	596 Washington St., Abington, Mass.
Sutton	16	Harry A. Chace	P. O. Box 105, New Bedford, Mass.
Bethany	17	Fred M. Barr	1076 Essex St., Lawrence, Mass.
Winslow Lewis	18	Lawrence B. Folsom	37 Dearborn St., Salem, Mass.
Jerusalem	19	Harvey H. Goodwin	32 Washington St., Leominster, Mass.
Hugh de Payens	20	Donald H. Hatheway	90 Walton Park, Melrose, Mass.
St. Omer	21	George A. Weeks	40 Glen St., Melrose, Mass.
Berkshire	22	George W. Harding	R.F.D. Bradley Park, Lee, Mass.
Connecticut Valley	23	Clifford H. Thayer	228 Conway St., Greenfield, Mass.
Woonsocket	24	Floyd C. Arnold	Box 127, Slatersville, R. I.
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Warren P. Hathaway	P. O. Box 1615, Fall River, Mass.
Joseph Warren	26	Percy Lantz	16 Helena Road, Dorchester 22, Mass.
Narragansett	27	Donald W. Kenneth	118 Beach St., Westerly, R. I.
Bristol	29	Howard S. Newell	355 Mt. Hope St., Attleboro Falls, Mass.
Northampton	30	Ledyard A. Southard	35 Stillson Ave., Florence, Mass.
South Shore	31	Alexander Y. Johnstone	71 Van Ness Rd., No. Weymouth, Mass.
Trinity	32	William A. Manson	28 Lincoln St., Hudson, Mass.
Natick	33	Rodney S. Adams	232 Manning St., Needham, Mass.
Coeur de Lion	34	Carroll H. Tiffany	22 Bellevue St., Medford 55, Mass.
Gethsemane	35	Chester A. Cleveland	40 Chaske Ave., Auburndale 66, Mass.
Olivet	36	Harry A. Hemingway	51 Philips Ave., E. Lynn, Mass.
Athol	37	George E. Engle	64 Prospect St., Athol, Mass.
Bay State	38	Lawrence C. Clark	551 Ash St., Brockton, Mass.
Cyprus	39	Edward H. Wheeler	59 Winthrop St., Dedham, Mass.
St. Paul	40	David T. Williams	358 West Main St., North Adams, Mass.
Beauseant	41	Charles W. Gurdy	63 Winslow St., Everett 49, Mass.
Cambridge	42	Irving C. Langley	580 School St., Belmont 78, Mass.
Bethlehem	43	Earle T. Merchant	19 Bass Ave., Gloucester, Mass.
Orange	45	Joseph Prentiss	71 W. River St., Orange, Mass.
Ivanhoe	46	LeRoy M. Giddings	3 E.Broadway, Gardner, Mass.
Quincy	47	Herbert Y. Follett	1 Grandview Ave., Wollaston 70, Mass.
Temple	48	George M. Ellis	575 High St., Westwood, Mass.
St. Andrew	49	Arvin C. M. French	148 Pearl St., Holyoke, Mass.
Reading	50	William T. Freeman	26 Knollwood Rd., Reading, Mass.
Thomas Smith Webb	51	Alfred E. Grant	68 Glenview Ave., Cranston, R. I.
Sir Galahad	52	Raymond C. Ellis	51 Franklin St., Watertown, Mass.

Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Term of Office	Grand Commander	Member of Commandery	No.	Term of Office	Grand Commander	Member of Commandery	No.
1805–1818	*Thomas Smith Webb	St. John's	1	1904–1905	*Dana J. Flanders	Haverhill	14
1818–1820	*William Wilkinson	" "	1	1905–1906	*Edwin A. Blodgett	Springfield	6
1820–1826	*Henry Fowle	Boston	2	1906–1907	*E. Bentley Young	Joseph Warren	26
1826–1829	*John Carlile	St. John's	1	1907–1908	*Charles I. Litchfield	Boston	2
1829–1832	*John J. Loring	Boston	2	1908–1909	*John D. Munroe	Godfrey de Bouillon	25
1832–1833	*Robert Lash	"	2	1909–1910	*Walter W. Burnham	St. John's	1
1833–1835	*Edward A. Raymond	"	2	1910–1911	*J. Albert Blake	Winslow Lewis	18
1835–1837	*Abraham A. Dame	"	2	1911–1912	*Lafayette G. Blair	Cambridge	42
1837–1839	*John Hews	"	2	1912–1913	*Frank L. Nagle	Gethsemane	35
1839–1842	*Charles W. Moore	"	2	1913–1914	*William W. Johnson	Worcester County	5
1842–1845	*John Flint	"	2	1914–1915	*Walter F. Medding	Beauseant	41
1845–1847	*John B. Hammatt	"	2	1915–1916	*Frederick I. Dana	Calvary	13
1847–1848	*Ruel Baker	"	2	1916–1917	*Samuel D. Sherwood	Springfield	6
1848–1851	*John R. Bradford	"	2	1917–1918	*William H. Emerson	Bay State	38
1851–1854	*James Hutchison	Holy Sepulchre	8	1918–1919	*William J. Bolton	Athol	37
1854–1856	*Simon W. Robinson	De Molay	7	1919–1920	*Everett C. Benton	St. Bernard	12
1856–1858	*Daniel Harwood	Boston	2	1920–1921	Harry G. Pollard	Pilgrim	9
1858–1860	*Winslow Lewis	"	2	1921–1922	*Henry C. Dexter	Holy Sepulchre	8
1860–1862	*William Field	St. John's	1	1922–1923	*James S. Blake	Boston	2
1862–1863	*William Ellison	Boston	2	1923–1924	*Charles R. Hunt	Sutton	16
1863–1865	*William S. Gardner	Pilgrim	9	1924–1925	*Asa C. Jewett	Gethsemane	35
1865–1867	*Rev. Charles H. Titus	St. John's	1	1925–1926	*Clarence M. Dunbar	Bristol	29
1867–1869	*William W. Baker	St. Bernard	12	1926–1927	James A. Gunn	Connecticut Valley	23
1869–1871	*Benjamin Dean	St. Omer	21	1927–1928	*Norris G. Abbott	St. John's	1
1871–1873	*Nicholas Van Slyck	Calvary	13	1928–1929	Clarence E. Burleigh	De Molay	7
1873–1875	*Charles A. Stott	Pilgrim	9	1929–1930	*Charles F. White	Beauseant	41
1875–1877	*Rev. Henry W. Rugg	St. John's	1	1930–1931	*Frederick H. Briggs	Boston	2
1877–1879	*John Dean	Worcester County	5	1931–1932	Benjamin F. Downing	Washington	4
1879–1880	*Nelson W. Aldrich	Calvary	13	1932–1933	*George L. Dodd	Joseph Warren	26
1880–1882	*William H. Kent	Coeur de Lion	34	1933–1934	William S. Hamilton	St. Paul	40
1882–1884	*Caleb Saunders	Bethany	17	1934–1935	*Arthur S. Vaughn	St. John's	1
1884–1885	*Charles C. Hutchinson	Pilgrim	9	1935–1936	Harold W. Sprague	Bay State	38
1885–1886	*George H. Burnham	St. John's	1	1936–1937	*Charles T. Converse	Springfield	6
1886–1887	*Edward P. Chapin	Springfield	6	1937–1937	*George T. Everett	De Molay	7
1887–1888	*George H. Allen	Olivet	36	1937–1938	Adelbert E. Place	Calvary	13
1888–1889	*Edward L. Freeman	Holy Sepulchre	8	1938–1939	Harrison Hyslop	Gethsemane	35
1889–1890	*James Swords	Hugh de Payens	20	1939–1940	*Arthur A. Stewart	Pilgrim	9
1890–1891	*John P. Sanborn	Washington	4	1940–1941	John E. Rines	Haverhill	14
1891–1892	*Robert H. Chamberlain	Worcester County	5	1941–1942	*Arlan M. Spencer	Orange	45
1892–1893	*William H. H. Soule	St. Omer	21	1942–1943	*William O. Tuckerman	Cyprus	39
1893–1894	*Charles C. Fry	Olivet	36	1943–1944	George B. Sampson	St. Andrew	49
1894–1895	*Samuel C. Lawrence	Boston	2	1944–1945	*G. Lester Marston	Coeur de Lion	34
1895–1896	*Eugene H. Richards	Boston	2	1945–1946	Frank H. Wilson	Hugh de Pyens	20
1896–1897	*William R. Walker	Holy Sepulchre	8	1946–1947	Harold S. Crocker	Bay State	38
1897–1898	*Walter Cutting	Berkshire	22	1947–1948	George A. Weeks	St. Omer	21
1898–1899	*George L. Shepley	St. John's	1	1948–1949	A. Kenneth Martin	South Shore	31
1899–1900	*Herbert F. Morse	Joseph Warren	26	1949–1950	Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.	Boston	2
1900–1901	*Winthrop Messenger	Hugh de Payens	20	1950–1951	*J. Herbert Hinds	Quincy	47
1901–1902	*George E. Hilton	Olivet	36	1951–1952	Charles F. Fairbanks 2nd	Pilgrim	9
1902–1903	*George H. Kenyon	Calvary	13	1952–1953	Frederic Kennedy	Natick	33
1903–1904	*Freeman C. Hersey	Winslow Lewis	18	1953–1954	Harrie M. Taft	Calvary	13
				1954–1955	Kenneth H. Earle	St. John's	1

*Died.

THE AMERICAN ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment

	Names	Years	Residence	Died
1	DeWitt Clinton	1816–1828	New York, N. Y.	Feb. 11, 1828
2	Jonathan Nye	1829–1834	Claremont, N. H.	April 1, 1843
3	James Madison Allen	1835–1844	Cayuga, N. Y.	
4	Archibald Bull	1844–1846	Troy, N. Y.	Dec. 22, 1865
5	William B. Hubbard	1847–1858	Columbus, Ohio	Jan. 5, 1866
6	Benjamin B. French	1859–1864	Washington, D. C.	Aug. 12, 1870
7	Henry L. Palmer	1865–1867	Milwaukee, Wis.	May 7, 1909
8	William Sewall Gardner	1868–1870	Newton, Mass.	Oct. 14, 1887
9	John Q. A. Fellows	1871–1873	New Orleans, La.	Nov. 28, 1897
10	James H. Hopkins	1874–1876	Pittsburgh, Pa.	June 18, 1904
11	Vincent L. Hurlbut	1877–1879	Chicago, Ill.	July 24, 1896
12	Benjamin Dean	1880–1882	Boston, Mass.	April 9, 1897
13	Robert E. Withers	1883–1885	Wytheville, Va.	Sept. 21, 1907
14	Charles Roome	1886–1889	New York	June 28, 1890
15	John P. S. Gobin	1889–1892	Lebanon, Pa.	May 1, 1910
16	Hugh McCurdy	1892–1895	Corunna, Mich.	July 16, 1908
17	Warren LaRue Thomas	1895–1898	Maysville, Ky.	Nov. 23, 1914
18	Reuben Hedly Lloyd	1898–1901	San Francisco, Cal.	Mar. 10, 1909
19	Henry Bates Stoddard	1901–1904	Bryan, Texas	May 29, 1925
20	Geo. Mayhew Moulton	1904–1097	Chicago, Illinois	July 24, 1927
21	Henry Warren Rugg	1907–1910	Providence, R. I.	July 21, 1910
22	Wm. Bromwell Melish	1910–1913	Cincinnati, Ohio	Oct. 21, 1927
23	Arthur MacArthur	1913–1914	Troy, New York	Dec. 27, 1914
24	Lee S. Smith	1914–1919	Pittsburgh, Pa.	April 6, 1926
25	Joseph K. Orr	1919–1922	Atlanta, Georgia	Sept. 18, 1938
26	Leonidas P. Newby	1922–1925	Knightstown, Ind.	Oct. 25, 1945
27	George W. Vallery	1925–1928	Denver, Colo.	Dec. 20, 1933
28	William L. Sharp	1928–1931	Chicago, Ill.	Dec. 22, 1950
29	Percy W. Weidner	1931–1932	Los Angeles, Cal.	Aug. 16, 1932
30	Harry C. Walker	1932–1932	Binghamton, N. Y.	Nov. 2, 1932
31	Andrew D. Agnew	1932–1937	Milwaukee, Wis.	Dec. 29, 1951
32	Mark Norris	1937–1940	Grand Rapids, Mich.	May 31, 1943
33	Harry G. Pollard	1940–1943	Lowell, Mass.	
34	Charles Noah Orr	1943–1946	St. Paul, Minn.	Jan. 10, 1949
35	John Temple Rice	1946–1949	El Paso, Texas	
36	Robert Brainerd Gaylord	1949–1952	San Francisco, Cal.	Aug. 4, 1953
37	William Catron Gordon	1952–1955	Marshall, Mo.	
38	Walter A. DeLamater	1955–	Rhinebeck, New York	

Representatives of Grand Commanderies to and from Massachusetts and Rhode Island

From Mass. and R. I.	P. O. Address	Grand Commanderies	To Mass. and R. I.	P. O. Address
Velmar A. Meadows	Opelika, Ala.	Alabama	E. Sir William Turner	Holyoke, Mass.
Herbert W. Edwards	Bisbee	Arizona	R. E. Sir Frederic Kennedy	Wellesley, Mass.
George R. Crosley	El Dorado	Arkansas	E. Sir Charles W. Gurdy	Everett, Mass.
James F. Dougan	Long Beach	California	R. E. Sir Clarence E. Burleigh	Pasadena, Calif.
Earl W. Spencer	Pueblo	Colorado	E. Sir Robert E. Powell	Needham, Mass.
Archibald G. Prisk	Yalesville, Conn.	Connecticut	E. Sir Harold A. Budreau	Winthrop, Mass.
Percy W. Jones	Washington	District of Columbia	R. E. Sir Harold S. Crocker	Brockton, Mass.
John B. Phelps	Miami	Florida	E. Sir Herbert Sawyer	Boston, Mass.
Bolling S. DuBose	Athens	Georgia	R. E. Sir James R. Hooper	Dedham, Mass.
Merton Winegar	Moscow	Idaho	R. E. Sir Charles F. Fairbanks, 2nd	Lowell, Mass.
Stuart E. Pierson	Carrollton	Illinois	E. Sir William C. McCormick	Cranston, R. I.
Paul G. Smiley	Washington	Indiana	E. Sir Frank B. Ells	Boston, Mass.
Carl W. Reed	Cresco	Iowa	E. Sir Prescott W. Eaton	Newbury, Mass.
Stanley J. Kirke	Wichita	Kansas	E. Sir Richard E. Goff	Pawtucket, R. I.
Walter A. Tillett	Danville	Kentucky	E. Sir Harold L. Burr	Needham, Mass.
H. S. Weston	Shreveport	Louisiana	E. Sir William S. Cooper	Medford, Mass.
Albert F. Anderson	Portland	Maine	R. E. Sir William S. Hamilton	Williamstown, Mass.
Frank F. Smith, Sr.	Silver Springs	Maryland	E. Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder	Everett, Mass.
Frank G. Millard	Flint	Michigan	E. Sir William F. Clarke	Watertown, Mass.
Herbert E. Doering	New Ulm	Minnesota	E. Sir Thomas A. Booth	New Bedford, Mass.
Walter P. Abbott	Natchez	Mississippi	E. Sir Clyde L. Carter	Dorchester, Mass.
William C. Gordon	Marshall	Missouri	M. E. Sir Harry G. Pollard	Lowell, Mass.
Richard Richardson	Deer Lodge	Montana	E. Sir Alfred C. Blake	Boston, Mass.
Dwight W. Porter	Broken Bow	Nebraska	E. Sir Dwight C. Page	Shrewsbury, Mass.
William R. Overfelt	McGill	Nevada	E. Sir Alexander Campbell	So. Boston, Mass.
C. Wesley Lyons	Rochester	New Hampshire	R. E. Sir John E. Rines	Winchester, Mass.
Louis H. Budd	Newton	New Jersey	R. E. Sir Robert G. Wilson, Jr.	Boston, Mass.
Herbert C. Denny	Gallup	New Mexico	R. E. Sir Benjamin F. Downing	Newport, R. I.
Harry G. Topping	Wantaugh, N. Y.	New York	R. E. Sir Frank H. Wilson	Melrose, Mass.
Andrew S. Melvin	Gastonia	North Carolina	E. Sir James B. Henry	Providence, R. I.
Robert R. Dollahan	Grand Forks	North Dakota	E. Sir William H. Evans	Brockton, Mass.
Howard R. Malone	Dayton, Ohio	Ohio	R. E. George A. Weeks	Melrose, Mass.
William A. Perry	Okmulgee	Oklahoma	E. Sir Everett B. Byles	Edgewood, R. I.
Harold W. Given	Portland, Oregon	Oregon	E. Sir George Ringchrist	Longmeadow, Mass.
T. Stuart Drake	Easton	Pennsylvania	R. E. A. Kenneth Martin	S. Weymouth, Mass
Jesse T. Anderson	Florence	South Carolina	E. Sir N. Russell Lynn	Medford Hill, Mass
George F. Westover	Pierre	South Dakota	E. Sir Herbert Y. Follett	Wollaston, Mass.
Earl Lee Taylor	Johnson City	Tennessee	E. Sir Eignar Ringquist	Worcester, Mass.
Dr. R. E. Henderson	Athens	Texas	R. E. Sir George B. Sampson	Holyoke, Mass.
Warren E. Fleetwood	Salt Lake City	Utah	E. Sir John C. Mick	Belmont, Mass.
Arthur E. Dietrich	Burlington	Vermont	E. Sir Leslie M. Collins	Melrose, Mass.
Harry W. Smith	Danville, Va.	Virginia	E. Sir Clarence R. Davis	W. Medford, Mass.
William R. Graves	Vancouver	Washington	R. E. Sir Harold W. Sprague	Brockton, Mass.
Frank H. Jordan	Huntington	West Virginia	R. E. Sir Harrie M. Taft	Providence, R. I.
Earl B. Bauer	Milwaukee, Wisc.	Wisconsin	E. Sir Walter E. Furber	Melrose, Mass.
William J. Haines	Evanston	Wyoming	V. E. Sir Kenneth H. Earle	Providence, R. I.

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

The 9 Knights who organized the Order in 1118 A.D.

Hugh de Payens
Godfrey de Saint Aldemar
Roral
Gundemar
Godfrey Bisol
Payens de Montidier
Archibald de Saint Aman
Andre de Montbar
Count of Provence

Grand Masters from Its Origin to the Death of De Molay

	A.D.		A.D.
1 Hugh de Payens	1118	14 Philip de Plessis	1201
2 Robert of Burgundy	1139	15 William de Carnota	1217
3 Everard de Barri	1147	16 Peter de Montagu	1218
4 Bernard de Trenellape	1151	17 Armand de Petragrossa	1229
5 Bertrand de Blanchefort	1154	18 Herman de Petragrorius	1237
6 Andrew de Montbar	1165	19 William de Rupefort	1244
7 Philip of Naplus	1169	20 William de Sonnac	1247
8 Odo de St. Amand	1171	21 Reginald Vichierius	1250
9 Arnold de Troye	1180	22 Thomas Beraud	1257
10 John Terricus	1185	23 William de Beaujeau	1274
11 Gerard Ridefort	1187	24 Rheobald Gaudinius	1291
12 Robert Sablaeus	1191	25 Jacques de Molay	1298
13 Robert Gralius	1196	De Molay died in 1314.	

CHRONOLOGY—YORK RITE

The following dates are adopted by the various bodies of Masonry. Dates are carried out for the year 1955.

Ancient Craft Masons date from the creation of the world, B. C. 4000, calling it *Anno Lucis* (Year of Light). Hence add 4000 to common time. A. D. 1955 = A. L. 5955.

Royal Arch Masons date from the beginning of the building of the Second Temple by Zerubbabel, B. C. 530, calling it *Anno Inventionis* (Year of Discovery). Hence add 530 to common time. A. D.1955 = A. I. 2485.

Royal and Select Masters refer to the completion of the First Temple, B. C. 1000, calling it *Anno Depositionis* (Year of the Deposit). Hence add 1000 to common time. A. D. 1955 = A. Dep. 2955.

Knights Templar date from the founding of the Order, A. D. 1118, calling it *Anno Ordinis*. Hence subtract 1118 from common time. A. D. 1955 = A. O. 837.

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